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## Nature spot wins reprieve as rubbish dump plans are dropped

By Chris Murphy

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CAMPAIGNERS fighting proposals to turn a haven for wildlife into a major waste tip say they are delighted after it was confirmed the plans were being dumped.

More than 100 people had lodged complaints last summer when it was revealed Kent County Council had put Highsted chalk pits on a list of potential future waste sites.

It was originally ear-marked to take building waste such as bricks and concrete.

But campaigners highlighted how the former chalk pits have become a natural habitat for birds and animals and was highly prized by people in the Highsted Valley area.

After a meeting of the authority's environment, highways and waste

cabinet committee, the Kent Minerals and Waste Development Framework – which analyses future needs for waste sites and delivering mineral reserves – saw the number of potential sites whittled down.

And it saw the site near Sittingbourne drop off the danger list.

Local and county councillor Mike Whiting is one of those who fought against the plans.

He said: "I am delighted the members of this committee have ruled out this site – it just wouldn't work. It would have upset a lot of people who have campaigned against this idea since day one, plus cause massive traffic chaos."

Highsted pit is a former chalk quarry between Highsted Valley and Ruins Barn Road, Sittingbourne.

Mr Whiting said: "I am happy to

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Picture: DAVE STEWART

## BROTHERS READY FOR THE BRICKIES

CHIEFS: Ex-Ramsgate boss Jim Ward and his brother Danny are new bosses – SEE SPORT

### ANIMALS

#### Cat tumbles off pub roof

LANDLORDS of a pub in Sittingbourne were in for a shock when a kitten came tumbling off its roof – and were in for a bigger surprise when it was discovered the cats were using the pub's chimney as their home. The RSPCA arrived and took care of the mum and two kittens.

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### ART

#### Duo success at art awards

TWO talented artists from Sittingbourne and Sheerness have picked up top awards at a major national wildlife contest. To see for yourself the remarkable creations which swept Sevina Yates and Bill Prickett to success at a glitzy awards event in London on Monday night see inside.

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### EVENTS

#### Classic cars pull in 12,000

THOUSANDS of people motored into Faversham last weekend to enjoy the annual historic vehicle weekend. Organisers say some 12,000 people came to view the 450 classic cars, bikes and buses on display. Particularly popular was the park and ride in vintage coaches.

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LONDON 2012

# Sell my Olympic Torch? No way, I'm sharing it with 1,000 children

By Chrissie Daniels

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A TORCH bearer has shunned the chance to make thousands from selling his torch – instead he plans to share the Olympic spirit with hundreds of local school children.

Halfway House school governor, Garry Philpott, 41, was nominated by his wife Lin to run part of the Faversham stretch of the Olympic relay.

But despite torches being advertised on auction site eBay for more than £100,000, Mr Philpott will be keeping his as a “family heirloom”.

He said: “I run on July 19, then on July 20 I plan to organise a mini relay at three primary schools – Halfway House, Queenborough and Minister. I want 1,000 children to be able to hold the torch before their school holiday begins.”

But he did add that £100,000 is a life changing amount of money and if it was put in front of him he would have to consider it.

He said: “It’s your torch it’s up to you what you do with it.”

The gas-powered torches cost £495 to make and torchbearers can buy theirs for £215 each after the relay.

Mrs Philpott nominated her husband because of the time he puts in to the volunteer role as school governor and said he “goes above and beyond” the normal duties.

She said in her application: “During the snow last year he helped to clear it to ensure the safety



**ON THE RUN:** Football hero Didier Drogba is one of many high profile people to take part in the ongoing torch relay around the country

of the children. When the school suffered flooding after the theft of roofing materials he helped in the clearing up.”

She added that he has run the London Marathon on four occasions, raising money for Cancer Research and children’s charities as well as helping to train pupils for cross-country events.

Mr Philpott said when he received the email with his nomination he couldn’t read

it because he was “too misty eyed”.

Mr Philpott also volunteers with Range Rovers Football Club in Eastchurch, where they train 250 players, ranging from four-year-olds to adults.

He said: “We have just started a disabled team. The people at the club do some amazing stuff.”

■ **Turn to page 6 to find out how you can be part of the Olympic Torch Relay event.**

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### ➔ Teen faces court date

A TEENAGE girl has been charged by police following an incident in Kemsley on Tuesday.

The 17-year-old, from Sittingbourne, was arrested in Ypres Drive.

She has been charged with making off without payment from a taxi, a racially aggravated public order offence and two counts of assault on a police officer.

She has been bailed to appear before Maidstone Youth Court on June 11.

### ➔ Big butts sales surge

GARDEN centres say they have seen record sales of water butts since the introduction of the hosepipe ban.

According to water firm Southern Water, more than 2,000 butts were snapped up across Kent, Sussex and Hampshire after taking advantage of a number of free and discounted water-saving products it offered customers in a bid to help ease the drought restrictions. Despite heavy recent rain, the ban seems set to stay.

### ➔ Know this man's face?

DO YOU recognise this man? Police investigating the theft of cosmetics from Boots on Sheerness High Street want to talk to him in relation to their probe.

The crime took place on May 14 at around 1pm. Some £70 of cosmetics went missing.

Anyone with information should call police on 101 and quote crime reference XY/14635/12.



RESCUE

## CATS RESCUED FROM CHIMNEY

A FAMILY of felines have had a lucky escape after they were found living in the chimney of a pub in Sittingbourne.

It only became obvious to the landlords when a kitten came tumbling to the ground. And as rescuers came to its rescue, they soon discovered the rest of the family were living dangerously too.

Explains the RSPCA's cat neutering manager Nicky Honey: “This poor cat was trying to raise her family living in the chimney of a pub – the kittens were literally playing on the roof.”

“It was an extremely dangerous situation.”

The cats were found in the Ypres Tavern in West Street when the first moggy fell off the roof.

They were collected by RSPCA inspector Ray Bailey, after traders opposite the pub noticed it take a tumble. He then called the fire brigade who rescued the mother and other kitten.

It is thought the cat was a stray. The family will be cared for by the RSPCA until they are ready to be found new homes.

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## FINANCE EXPERT SAYS SUMS DON'T ADD UP

A LEADING banker has become the latest expert to throw doubt on the controversial airport proposals.

At a meeting of the Institution of Civil Engineers, Mike Redican, a banker at Deutsche Bank, said risk surrounding funding, cost and safety, and the dislocation of the west London economy were his reasons not to support the airport.

"When I look at the cost of Terminal 5 at Heathrow – £4.2bn – it last year handled 26.3m passengers," he said.

"The cost of the third runway at Heathrow, plus Terminal 6 is estimated at £6bn. Here we are going to have a major development in the Thames Estuary, with four new runways, with two giant terminals capable of having 150 million passengers per annum, that is only going to cost £20bn – I'm



SAY NO: Campaigners are determined to protect the estuary area

struggling a little with that. "That is just the airport. We also have an estimated £30bn of other costs to make this

airport work. I'm asking myself: are these costs realistic? If they are, who funds them? Is it government? Is it the airlines?"



He warned that passing costs onto airlines would not be popular.

"Landing fees at Heathrow are approximately £15 per passenger. If you put all these [estuary airport] costs together, we are looking at £60-70 per passenger."

Focusing on employment, he stressed: "I think there will be a real issue in finding people in the Thames Estuary who will be suitably trained and equipped."

He concluded: "In a nutshell, risk around funding, cost, safety problems in my view and dislocation of a large part of the economy of the west part of London are reasons for me not to support this airport."

Picture: PAUL JERRETT

## ESTUARY AIRPORT

## 'We must prepare for airport'

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AS OPPOSITION grows towards proposals for a multi-billion pound airport in the Thames Estuary, one group insists giving it the go-ahead could provide the area with an economic shot in the arm.

Demand Regeneration in North Kent (DRINK), has called on politicians to pull their heads out of the sand or risk regretting it forever.

Campaign director Clive Lawrence stressed the group was neither for nor against the proposals, but that Kent needed to prepare for what could potentially happen.

"We're about regeneration; this isn't about supporting the airport or not," he said. "We don't know whether the airport would be the worst thing or the best. We don't know and we've got to find out."

"The key, fundamental thing is we need regeneration."

"Statistics show pockets of

real deprivation in areas of north Kent. We're saying we need all the help we can get, so why not examine the idea?

"There's no use politicians sitting in a corner, fingers in ears, eyes squeezed shut, chanting 'no'. If this is given the green light – and I think it will – politicians need to be prepared, otherwise we're going to get the rough end of the stick."

"If this airport is put here it will be here forever so shouldn't we try and get the best deal?"

"This would be the world's biggest airport; we would be able to negotiate where the roads would go and argue the case for putting parts in tunnels. The core thing is about being prepared."

Mr Lawrence said there were four options for an airport: Boris Johnson's hub in the estuary; architect Lord Norman Foster's Isle of Grain plan; a smaller airport at Cliffe on the Hoo peninsula; and a plan by an independent group led by ex-Cathay Pacific executive John Olsen.

Mr Lawrence said: "I think one of them is going to happen."

"People keep talking about using Manston, but Manston is a bus stop in comparison."

Aviation experts have poured doubt on the plans and even Britain's air control service NATS called it the "worst spot" to locate an airport.

Leading airlines have also voiced concerns including head of BA Willie Walsh, and Kent's politicians have called the idea "pie in the sky".

Two weeks ago, this newspaper came out against the proposals, joining the ranks of those who fear for the future of the marsh. One of the major arguments is the devastating environmental impact.

Some 300,000 migratory birds fly between Siberia and West Africa passing through the estuary, and fears have been raised over bird strike.

Mr Lawrence said: "There is a place called Wallasea Island in Essex. The RSPB built it [with mud from the Crossrail development]. So how do they tell the birds to go there? The birds aren't stupid, they adapt."

"If you look at Lord Foster's plan, if they take one square of the marshland, under EU conservation law, they have to find another one three times the size elsewhere to replace it."

"For birds, Wallasea Island will be like a four-star hotel and north Kent marshes an avian doss house."

■ See Opinion on p14, and our airport campaign letters special on p16.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## ➔ Poorly pony rehomed

A FAVERSHAM firefighter who rescued a pony after it had been dumped in a field in west Kent has provided a new home for the back-to-health animal.

In March, Louise Ayley was part of a team who found the malnourished pony collapsed in a field in West Kingsdown. After two weeks of treatment from the RSPCA, Ms Ayley asked if she could give the animal a new home in Faversham which it agreed.

## ➔ Demelza chair retires

CHAIRMAN of children's hospice Demelza has stood down after confirming he is quitting the charity after serving as a trustee for more than a decade.

Des Crampton has been chairman of the Bobbing-based charity since 2007, after becoming a trustee in July 2001. He confirmed he was retiring at its AGM on Tuesday.

He is replaced by Sarah Phillips, previously chairman of the MS Society.

## ➔ Mayor's year begins

MAYOR Pat Sandle got her year in officer under way this week after officially receiving her badge of office at a council meeting last week.

Cllr Sandle replaces Ben Stokes who served in the role for the past civic year.

In her first major decision, Cllr Sandle, Conservative member for Leysdown and Warden, appointed Sue Gent as her deputy for the year ahead.

WHAT are your views on the airport proposals? Share your opinion by writing to: Airport Campaign, Archant KOS Media, Apple Barn, Hythe, Road, Smeeth, Ashford, Kent TN25 6SS. Or email your views to [editorial@kosmedia.co.uk](mailto:editorial@kosmedia.co.uk). Add you name in opposition by signing the online petition at [www.stopestuaryairport.co.uk](http://www.stopestuaryairport.co.uk).

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## ➔ Railway relaunches

SITTINGBOURNE & Kemsley Light Railway returns to business this weekend for the first full services in four years.

The service had been due to relaunch at Easter, but the discovery of potentially dangerous asbestos in piping near the track forced plans to be delayed.

However, the volunteer-run service will chug back into business this Sunday. The locomotive, Leader, is set to be the star attraction.

## ➔ Gunpowder art event

SWALE Arts Forum will be organising a special event at the Oare Gunpowder Works Country Park on July 8 as part of the fourth Artists in the Woods event.

Held to showcase the hidden talent in the area and highlight the woods at the works, the event runs from 10am to 4pm.

A full line-up of food, drink and live music will be included. Car parking costs £1 - but entrance is free.

## ➔ Coffee morning a hit

MEMBERS of St Michael's Church in Sittingbourne held a coffee morning recently - with more than 40 visitors raising much needed funds for charity.

The event took the place of the regular Christian Aid door-to-door collection.

In total, some £87.60 was raised - an increase on last year's total. Organiser Helene Greig said: "We excelled ourselves. Thanks to everyone."

## OLYMPICS

## Support the runners as a torch relay volunteer

By James Benjamin

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IF you weren't one of the lucky ones chosen to carry the Olympic Torch on its route through Kent, there's still a great chance to be involved when the relay hits the streets of Swale this summer.

The Olympic Torch Relay makes its way into Faversham late in the afternoon of Thursday, July 19, as part of its three-day stay in the county.

To ensure the event runs smoothly, Swale Borough Council needs to recruit 100 volunteer event marshalls to help welcome the flame and ensure its stay in Faversham is a successful one.

Andrew Bowles, leader of Swale Borough Council, said: "This really is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be part of an historic event in Faversham, and to say that you were there."

"We would really appreciate the help of as many volunteers as possible to show the world how Faversham can pull together and what

an inspiring community it is.

"Please help if you can on the day and play a unique part in this leg of the relay."

It will be necessary for those volunteering their services to attend one of the two free mandatory

training sessions, which will be held on July 14 and 17. There will also be a pre-event briefing on the day of the relay itself, so that all the marshalls are clear about their responsibilities and how they can best assist members of



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Left turn onto the A2 Canterbury Road. Right turn onto the A251 Ashford Road to the entrance to Kent Fire and Rescue Service.

It will then travel in convoy to Challock.

the public to see the torch.

For further details and to request an application form, contact the council's project officer, Martin Goodhew, at: [martingoodhew@swale.gov.uk](mailto:martingoodhew@swale.gov.uk) or by post at Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne ME10 3HT.

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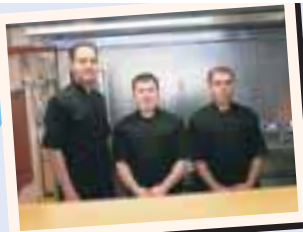
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## PARALYMPICS

## Steve selected to captain rugby team

SHEPPEY'S Steve Brown has been selected as captain of Great Britain's wheelchair rugby team for this summer's Paralympic Games.

A delighted Mr Brown was named in last week's squad to take part in London 2012 – and makes up for the disappointment he felt in the run-up to the Beijing Games four years ago.

The delighted athlete, 30, said: "Being selected to captain the team is a true honour.

"Not making the squad in 2008 was a huge disappointment and to now be captain is more than I ever expected."



Mr Brown has spent the last three years working as an athlete mentor for Sky Sports Living for Sport – a free initiative delivered in partnership with the Youth Sport Trust, which has seen him use his experience to inspire secondary school students.

He said: "The students I have met have all been incredibly keen to hear my sporting story, learn new skills and follow my journey to London 2012. It is great that they can now see, through my Paralympics selection, the results that hard work and determination can generate.

"It is heartwarming to know that so many local youngsters will be supporting me as I compete at the Paralympics and I will be doing my best to make them and Great Britain proud of my performance at London 2012."

The first game Mr Brown will compete in will be on September 5.

## FOOD

## Food 'web' injects essential £9 million into our economy

By Chrissie Daniels

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LOCALLY produced food is providing a vital economic backbone to Faversham according to a new study which claims it supports 410 jobs and ploughs £9million into the local economy.

The findings come from Protect Kent, the local branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE). It examined what it calls the 'food web' – the network of relationships between food producers, outlets and consumers and their contribution to the economy.

The study found local food supports an estimated 160 jobs at food outlets and also 250 jobs at local suppliers.

It says local traders are capitalising on consumer demand for more locally produced goods which support the local economy and cut down on the so-called food miles.

Thea Platt, local food campaigner for CPRE, said: "This report shows that in Faversham, as in other



GROWTH: Local food production continues to grow and create vital jobs

er areas we've studied, local food is about much more than reducing food miles.

"Food businesses also add to community life, help good causes

and support diversity in farming and the countryside."

The report was created after local volunteers interviewed and surveyed shoppers, outlets and pro-

ducers between 2009 and 2011.

Their findings also revealed the challenges food producers face and how other businesses, councillors and shoppers can support them.

Ms Platt added: "This report identifies some of the challenges for the local food web in and around Faversham but also many great opportunities for the local authority, businesses and the community to act and to improve policy to make a difference.

"We hope it will encourage them to act as well as inspiring other communities to map their local food web."

Hugh Robertson, MP for Faversham and minister for sport and the Olympics, said: "As an ancient market town sitting amongst many of Kent's best fruit farms, Faversham has a proud tradition of producing and serving high quality local produce. During my decade as the town's MP, there has been a huge increase in interest in local food. I am absolutely delighted and want to see it grow further."

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## NATURE

## Sowing seeds of success

A SERIES of guided walks and special events are being run by the Conservation Volunteers' Kent Heritage Trees Project - including one in Faversham this weekend.

The Community Garden 'n' Party event is staged with the Friends of

Abbeyfields Day Nursery at the Jubilee Centre in Whitstable Road. Those taking part are encouraged to help the vegetable and herb gardens. Everyone is welcome and no experience is necessary. After the work there will be a picnic.

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## ART

# Duo emerge triumphant from leading wildlife art contest

**By Chris Murphy**

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A PAIR of artists took top honours at a major national wildlife contest with their eye-catching creations.

The competition was run by the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation, which was looking for this year's Wildlife Artist of the Year.

And the winners were named

during a prize-giving event at the Mall Galleries in London, on Monday night.

The 2011 category winner, Sevin Yates, once again took the top prize in the Wild Places category with her dramatic landscape of Langdale – created from acrylics.

Judge Emily Lamb said of the large image: "It is so brave and bold – so atmospheric that it makes me want to be there."

Mrs Yates, from Sheerness, added: "I was staggered to win again.

"I saw the other landscape pieces, some amazing glaciers and seascapes, and really thought I didn't stand a chance. I'm thrilled to win again."

First time entrant Bill Prickett from Sittingbourne, took the 3D category with his plywood creation – Octopus.

He said: "Like Sevina, I saw

### WILD THINGS:

Below, Bill Prickett's sculpture Octopus won the 3D category. Right, Sevina Yates took first prize in her category for the second year running.

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the other entries in the 3D category and wondered whether I had a chance against such amazing sculptures. But I'm thrilled to have won."

Describing Octopus, judge Simon Trapnell, said: "A good sculpture screams please touch and it was the huge tactile quality that drew me to this piece."

"Creating such fluidity from

a solid material is an amazing skill and use of plywood really helps emphasise the form.

"It's a wonderfully tactile winner."

The pair received cheques for £500 from David Shepherd and conservationist Mark Carwardine at the ceremony.

This is the fifth year the contest has been run, with the winning works on display at

the prestigious Mall Galleries until Saturday.

The winners had to be good – there were an astonishing 150 works of art in the shortlist alone, both from established and new artists.

Sales of the art will help fund work to save critically endangered mammals supported by the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation.

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## ENTERTAINMENT

# Thousands of visitors motor into town to enjoy weekend of historic transport

By Chris Britcher

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MORE than 12,000 people flooded the streets as the Faversham Transport Weekend drove in for two days of family fun.

Some 450 vehicles were on display, with organisers delighted by the interest shown.

Ima Rix, of the Faversham Enterprise Partnership, who helped promote the show, said: "Generally we were really pleased the weather held out and the whole Faversham Transport Weekend was very busy – we estimate 12,000 visitors attended over both days.

"There was a lovely atmosphere in the centre of town, with visitors enjoying the live music, stalls, shops, entertainment and displays.

"One of the highlights of the weekend was the free trips on classic buses which were enjoyed by hundreds of people, providing a trip down memory lane for older visitors and a new experience for the younger ones."

The buses provided an historic slant to the park and ride schemes, taking

families into the town centre on a bus from yesteryear, as well as providing trips through the countryside.

This was the second year the event was held over two days and organisers say this extension has proved to be a big success.

Events took place around the town. The Alexander Centre in Preston Street hosted the Classic British Craftmanship Show.

Creek Creative Gallery showed films and footage of classic vehicles which you could watch whilst enjoying their special transport weekend menu, while the Old Brewery Store at Shepherd Neame hosted a Model Roads and Trams Show of slot cars and large scale radio-controlled heavy haulers.

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OPINION

# Airport solution already here

As the debate rages over whether or not a Thames Estuary airport should be built, Kent MEP and leader of Ukip **Nigel Farage** argues that Manston in Thanet could provide a much cheaper and quicker alternative

IT was back in 2003, that a government White Paper on the Future of Air Transport stated Manston Airport in Thanet could play a valuable role in meeting local demand and its development would contribute to the local regional economy.

We must have an increase in air transport capacity in the South East.

Heathrow is not the busiest airport in the world because of the number of people making visits to the UK, but because it's a global hub, making London and the South East attractive to businesses and providing jobs and income from the associated industries including the huge freight business generated by the success of the airport.

'Boris Island', as the planned Thames Estuary airport has been named, is simply insane.

It is in the middle of nowhere with inadequate infrastructure and as well as taking decades to build it would be damaging to the environment, particularly the wintering bird populations.

It is also inordinately expensive, dwarfing the estimated costs of upgrading Manston and this is without dealing with the question of the shipwreck the SS Richard Montgomery.

Perhaps it's me being picky, but I wouldn't like to travel from an airport, let alone work there, which is in the vicinity of a deadly sunken ship from World War Two.

An investigation in 2004 concluded that a collision, an attack or even the shifting of the cargo of high explosives in the tide could cause detonation, resulting in a 16ft tidal wave, wiping out Southend and break-

ing every window in Sheerness.

A suggestion I have been putting forward is the idea of expanding Manston airport which already has an extremely long runway and importantly, the potential to expand without the need to knock-down residential areas.

Firstly, the flights take off and land next to the sea, which means there is less of a noise impact for local residents, a problem which has blighted Heathrow expansion.

And unlike Heathrow, there is only one large conurbation in the vicinity, meaning that work can start quickly.

This also means that the rail link to Margate, which is on High Speed 1 and is currently only one hour and two minutes by train into St Pancras, can be built immediately.

More importantly in these



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**In these economic times, growing Manston is by far the best option**

economic times, expanding Manston is by far the cheapest option.

This country simply does not have the money to throw at a project costing tens of billions of pounds which will take years to complete when we have an ideal solution in an area which is in need of an injection of economic growth.

The economy of Thanet is quite depressed and there is certainly the need of proper employment opportunities.

Jobs based around a solid economy such as an international airport and the business centres which will grow based on the increase in infrastructure and people, will be a much-needed boost to that part of Kent.

■ **Nigel Farage is a Kent MEP and the leader of Ukip. He lives in Westerham.**

## KOS COMMENT

### No light at the end of the Dartford Tunnel

IT'S an argument that's been dragging on for almost a decade now, but the more time that passes the more frustrated people get.

And it all centres on the hellish Dartford crossing. Not only did the last government go back on its promise that once construction costs were paid back tolls would be scrapped – this should've been done in 2004 – but to add insult to injury, the Coalition has now decided to bump up the cost of tolls.

And if that wasn't enough, the free-flowing toll system due to be introduced has been delayed until 2014. It's no wonder people are furious.

This unfair treatment has been going on for years but sadly there seems to be no light at the end of the tunnel.

### Enjoy the sunshine

FINALLY, after weeks – although it feels like months – of rain, the Sun has made an appearance and it looks as though it's here to stay – well, for the weekend at least.

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## Privatise and save our cash

RE: Your local government story on May 20, 'Once bitten, twice shy as council steers clear of Spanish bank.'

Apart from investments to pay police, fire and education staff pensions, why is so much of our money stashed away by county councils and local councils?

These huge amounts being gambled with should be used for public services and not, as we suspect, for all the gold-plated pensions and pay-offs for the rest of council staff we continually read about.

All local government staff are no longer worth the huge money they get. And we can no longer afford to hand over such large amounts of money for so little in return.

It has all become a very expensive joke as far as councils are concerned.

Services are atrocious

across Britain and taxpayers are being ripped off.

So it is about time all local council staff and all county council staff across Britain, except for police, fire and education departments, were sacked and all the work from every department put out to private companies.

And the privatisation should be controlled in a better way than it has been with the rail and utility companies, which incidentally were privatised by orders of the EU at Brussels.

All that is needed, in my view, is good councillors, a handful of typists and possibly some people to liaise between the elected councillors and outside companies who put in tenders for council work.

The financial savings would be staggering.

No buildings to heat, light or maintain, no council motor vehicles to pay for, and most importantly no huge salaries, perks and pension bills for the taxpayer to keep paying more and more for, only to keep

getting less for their money while the council 'fat cats' just offer excuses and walk off with our hard-earned money.

**Roger Arnold,  
Herne Bay**

## Did we pay for Carter error?

I WAS dismayed to read about the sum of £20,000 representing expenses for Paul Carter being paid to the wrong person, albeit sharing the same name.

Just two things...

Could Kent County Council explain what exactly these expenses to the already amply awarded Mr Carter were for?

This is a reasonable salary for many people living in Kent and faithfully paying their not inconsiderable council tax.

Having made the mistake, has the person accepted responsibility or is it the usual excuse of stress and a difficult childhood? Any sanction against him/her?

Or are we, the innocent

taxpayers, footing the bill for incompetence yet again?  
**Vesselina McCrory,  
by email**

## Planning's too easy for ABC

ASHFORD Borough Council has refused to engage with the overwhelming case the Keep Chilmington Green campaign has presented against the construction of a South Ashford New Town.

In fact, the local authority has constantly demonstrated extreme prejudice in the promotion of development at Chilmington Green.

The harassment of local residents by Ashford's political establishment has been appalling, and now ABC seems to wish to begin examination of the planning application for Chilmington Green before the public consultation on the Area Action Plan has been completed.

At a special cabinet meeting

of March 29, councillors were informed that false statistics had been engineered in order to justify the case for the development at Chilmington Green, yet they still decided to proceed with the publication of the APP and 'consult' the residents on the basis of a lie.

Now, without even allowing the public to respond to this flawed document, ABC is set to begin examination of the developer's planning application.

This is all being done in an attempt to reduce the time taken to approve the scheme.

It is extraordinary, but not surprising that ABC have also decided to exclude the largest development proposal in Ashford's history from the Core Strategy Review and proceed in haste with approving the scheme.

Surely it would only be right to delete the Chilmington Green proposal following a review of ABC's entirely outdated core strategy? This would prevent the council

from being sued by the developers as the land would cease to be designated for development.

But ABC appears to be subverting democracy and fudging the planning process in order to rush through this unnecessary and unwanted development.

I have never witnessed such underhanded conduct in local government.

**Mick Carr, Kingsnorth**

## Government's blind stupidity

EVERYDAY blind and partially sighted people face extra costs as a direct result of living with sight loss.

Disability Living Allowance (DLA) helps cover some of these expenses, so I am extremely concerned by the Government's plans to replace it, spending 20 per cent less on a new benefit – Personal Independence Payment (PIP).

The proposed test for PIP fails to recognise the challenges faced by people living with sight loss. This could leave thousands of people without support to do everyday the things sighted people take for granted.

This extra money could be paying for assistance with repairs or cleaning around the home, or food labelling systems to ensure they don't eat food which has gone off.

The Government said that PIP would be fair and support disabled people to remain independent, yet many blind and partially sighted people will be excluded.

I have asked my MP to write to the Government raising these concerns on my behalf, because the help blind and partially sighted people get from DLA is not a luxury, it means that they can live independently.

If you have concerns about PIP, or would like to find out more or contact your MP, help is available from RNIB at [www.rnib.org.uk/PIP](http://www.rnib.org.uk/PIP).

**Linda Brooks, Canterbury**

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## Feedback

## Estuary Airport letters/emails

## One strike and airport's out

I WOULD like to add my voice against any proposed airport anywhere in the Thames estuary.

This is also a reply to the email sent by Rob Weaver that appeared in the last edition.

Airports around the world spend hundreds of thousands of pounds every year keeping birds away from airfields using a variety of methods; from using live birds of prey to blasting out the sounds of birds of prey just to scare birds away.

The reason – birds of any size and aircraft do not mix.

I spent 13 years in the RAF, some of which were spent looking after jets on the flight line. I have seen first hand the damage caused to plane and pilot by bird strike.

How would Mr Weaver feel if the go-ahead was given, and shortly after the new airfield became operational, a passenger plane was brought down by a bird strike and killed everyone on board?

When airfields are built, one of the considerations is how many birds visit that area, so putting an airfield in the middle of one of the most important bird conservation areas in Europe would be madness.

I also cannot see why airfields like Manston or Lydd cannot be expanded. What about other airfields like North Weald just off the M11 and the other numerous airfields are struggling to stay open around the South East?

It seems to me planners are being purposely blinkered in their choices. That also goes for Boris Johnson.

I think the question should be asked, why are other choices being ignored?

The other point raised was the number of jobs that could be created for Medway. Well why not do what everyone does already – commute. Anybody who seriously wants work will travel to where the work is.

If people cannot be bothered to get off their backsides why should work be brought to them because even if work is on their doorsteps they still will not seek employment.

**Malcolm Clark, Rochester**

## Another blight for the region

THE letter from RJ Church (May 20) claims that an estuary airport is needed because Chatham is "full" of young mothers and people of "every race, colour and creed", whom he calls "undesirables". Medway has a great future

# WE JOIN THE FIGHT

## Campaign: Why airport proposal can't take off

**By Chris Britcher**

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THIS newspaper today comes out fighting to join the ranks of the thousands who oppose a plot to build a multi-billion pound airport in the Thames Estuary.

If the controversial proposals were to get the green light, we believe it could devastate the county we hold so dear.

With a public consultation due

# NO Estuary Airport

to get under way within weeks, we urge our readers to oppose the plans which would ruin our north Kent coastline, destroy important areas

of wildlife, and transform parts of the county into a concrete jungle, blighted by heavy air traffic.

It may create jobs, but it will de-

stroy huge swathes of Kent; forever.

We join the fight just as re-elected London Mayor Boris Johnson, who has championed the proposals, this week made a direct plea to Prime Minister David Cameron calling for an estuary airport to be built, declaring now was a "moment for greatness".

Mr Johnson wants to shift the blight suffered by those under Heathrow's flight path to our doorstep.

Kent's top brass, which includes

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**ONE VOICE:** How this newspaper launched its backing for the campaigners trying to stop an airport being built in the Thames Estuary

ahead if it can embrace diversity, education and innovation.

It does not need the huge environmental degradation of a new airport. And it certainly does not need prejudice against the people of Chatham.

**Professor Alex Stevens  
University of Kent**

## Pros outweigh all these cons

I AM completely at a loss why those in secure jobs are so against the building of a new airport in the Thames.

Is it because it may disrupt their cosy way of life?

I am sure businesses, the unemployed and those who have invested in the Medway area would not agree.

It would bring immense prosperity to north Kent by moving some of the wealth from west London to the Thames Gateway – is that such a bad thing? It would also bring enormous employment opportunities to a relatively depressed area.

There is a surplus of new accommodation lying empty and plenty of brownfield space for further development, plus rents in the area are falling, not rising.

I appreciate as a lover of

nature and wildlife, there are potentially ecological issues, but there will always be this problem with any major development anywhere and Nimbys will always protest.

We are very lucky that so far an aircraft has not come down over central London.

Now that would be a major disaster.

**W Murdoch, by email**

## Alternative is not in running

THE rights and wrongs of the proposed estuary airport should not be confused with the current situation at Manston Airport.

Quite simply, as a commercial passenger-carrying airport, Manston is in the wrong place.

Built as a military airport and expanded during the Cold War, it had by the mid 1960s already ceased to be of operational use to our defence forces. Its runway is not as stated (May 20, the longest in Europe), it's not even the longest in the UK, though one is forced to ask what difference would that make anyway?

The proposed development of a parkway station, financed by Kent taxpayers, will in no way help to change its geographical location.

Furthermore should such a station ever be built, a bus service will still be needed to ferry passengers from the station to the airport, as the railway line does not currently run near the airport.

Short of realigning the runway towards Pegwell Bay, Manston will remain hemmed in by the towns of Margate, Broadstairs and Ramsgate, the latter already encroaching on the end of the runway.

**John Canicula, by email**

## So why should we suffer this?

I BELIEVE there should be just as much opposition to using Manston as an overspill, as there is to a new airport in the estuary.

So what if it has a long runway and (potentially) a quick rail link to London?

Not only would extra/night flights blight the lives of people living in Thanet and annihilate the local tourist trade, it would simply be the thin edge of the wedge; look at Heathrow 20 odd years ago, and then fast forward your imagination to say 2030. Not much difference is there?

Why is aviation blight in Kent inevitably regarded as 'either/or' anyway? Our

starting point should be 'no'.

**Bill Stevens, Faversham**

## Thanet needs your help too

I WOULD like to presume that, as your publication is so vehemently backing the campaign against the proposed Thames Estuary airport, it is also by the same reasoning backing the No Night Flights campaign which is against the intensification of use of Manston airfield and the proposed night flying schedule.

It is plain to the residents of Thanet, who responded resoundingly against the proposal in the recent 'consultation', that Infratil's insistence on a night flying schedule will harm the health and well-being of local residents and also negatively effect the local economy in a number of ways, including tourism spend.

I believe jobs will be lost in the tourism sector and that this economy will effectively be killed off in the towns of Ramsgate, Herne Bay and the surrounding areas for the sake of only a few more minimum wage jobs at an airport that currently has extra capacity for cargo handling and plenty

of daytime slots it's not filling. Neither can Infratil assure us the new jobs created will go to local residents.

Allowing the development of Manston and its 24-hour use will blight our beautiful Kent coastline, dissuade people from visiting our blue flag beaches, and drive residents and potential investors from our towns.

I would like to see a proper study undertaken that looks into the full economic impact of such a decision, taking into account the devaluation of homes and subsequent downturn in the housing market and construction industry, work days and productivity lost due to lack of sleep, the added burden on the health service due to the increase in stress-related conditions (all well documented by the World Health Organisation), and the loss of tourism jobs and tourism spend. I have no doubt that allowing such a development will cost Thanet dearly in the long run.

Night flights and the intensification of use of Manston airfield would be a social and economic disaster for our region, and I trust you will support our stand against the enormous harm such unmitigated development will bring to Thanet, Herne Bay, and the surrounding area.

**Samantha Holmans  
Thompson, by email**

## Stop explosive situation now

I WRITE in support of the 'say no to the proposed Thames Estuary Airport' campaign.

The cost of building may be paid for by foreign backers, but what about the necessary infrastructure needed – new roads and rail services.

Presumably these would be down to the taxpayers in this country?

I am concerned about safety issues, mainly the wreck of the SS Richard Montgomery, still containing enough explosives to cause devastation to Sheppey and the Isle of Grain, should it be disturbed. Also the Isle of Grain gas depot.

The disturbance to the surrounding countryside, especially wild bird life, the increased noise and pollution should be of great importance to us all.

If more airport space is really needed surely it would be more cost effective to increase the airports we already have in the south.

I earnestly hope the powers that be will listen to the people who already live in this area and reject these proposals.

**Sylvia New,  
Sittingbourne**

**NO Estuary Airport**

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## Left to pay cost of the taxman's shortcomings

**Q** I PAY income tax through Pay As You Earn. In 2008, I reached 65 and began drawing my job pension and my state pension, and I carried on working two days a week. I have now received a bewildering series of forms, saying I owe the tax man £1,841 and he wants it immediately.

**A** When you pay tax through PAYE, how can it be possible to get so deeply into arrears? The answer is that in recent years HM Revenue & Customs has been so badly run that it has bordered on chaos. Some months ago, officials admitted they had overcharged six million taxpayers, and undercharged more than a million. One reason was that they had set up 12 computer centres around the country – and those computers did not compare notes with each other. Your job pension was handled by one computer, and your earnings by another, and they got their sums wrong. The taxman has refused to cancel your arrears, even though he is allowed to do so if he has made a serious mistake. He sees it as your responsibility – not his – to work out your tax deductions and correct his errors. In all likelihood you will have to pay the tax. But do complain to the Adjudicator's Office (0300 057 1111). She is the outside official who investigates complaints of maladministration by HMRC.

**Q** MY WIFE and I are going through divorce proceedings and her solicitor has advised her to apply for something called a Mesher order, which means that she will get the house, which is free of any mortgage. I have been dealing with the divorce myself to keep costs down, and would be grateful if you could explain whether there are any drawbacks to this order, assuming we can agree on other matters such as my wife making no claim against my pension plan.

**A** FIRST of all, do see a solicitor. With a house and a pension plan at stake it is a false economy to try to do the legal work yourself. Do you have children that you have not mentioned, I wonder? You see, a Mesher order (named after a divorcing couple) is a court order that lets your wife stay in the marital home until a certain point in the future. Typically, this is the 18th birthday of the youngest child, or it could be when they leave university. When this point is reached, the house is sold and you and your ex-wife share the proceeds however the court decides. And here comes the drawback. Because you will not have been living in the house, you cannot claim it as your main private residence, exempt

**TONY HETHERINGTON**  
MONEY CLINIC



from capital gains tax – especially if you have managed to buy somewhere else to live. The potential tax bill is just another expense of your divorce. But it is also another reason for getting professional advice, so it can be taken into account in the overall arithmetic, instead of coming as a nasty surprise some years down the line.

**Q** IS IT true that you can tell which country a euro banknote comes from, even though they all look the same? If so, how do you identify notes from Spain, which appears to be in trouble?

**A** THE serial number on each euro banknote begins with a letter linked to a particular country. Notes from Spain begin with the letter V, but do keep in mind that the euro is backed by all the countries that use it, and not just the one that printed it.

**Q** MY partner and I made wills in favour of each other three years ago. Now we are getting married, and I think I am right in saying that marriage cancels your will, but does that apply in our situation, where we have already named each other as beneficiaries?

**A** YOU do need to make new wills. Marriage cancels any existing will unless it includes a declaration that you are making the will with marriage in mind. Marrying someone who is a beneficiary does not change this.

**Q** MY daughter and her husband lived with us for a while. Since they moved out, we have had people calling, saying they owe money. Are we obliged to give her new address?

**A** YOU do not have to say anything, though it is a good idea to inform callers that your daughter and her husband no longer live with you. And do not believe anyone who suggests that their debts will be held against you – this is not true.

■ If you have a personal-finance question, write to Tony Hetherington, MyMoney24, Prospect House, Rouen Road, Norwich NR1 1RE. We regret that neither Tony nor the MyMoney24 team can enter into personal correspondence.

## Exchange rate gives UK travellers a warm glow

The strength of the pound means good news for British holidaymakers this summer. **ADAM AIKEN** reports.

GOOD economic news has been in pretty short supply over the past few years, but there is at least a little bit of cheer for people looking to escape Britain and heading for the Sun.

Businesses that rely on exports will not be grateful for the current strength of the pound, but millions of travellers will find themselves quids in when they leave these shores.

The euro's woes have been well documented, with the pound up nearly 9pc against the single currency over the past 12 months. This is making it significantly cheaper for many travellers.

"There's a lot of uncertainty and volatility in currency exchange markets – no-one can accurately predict what will happen with the pound and the euro in the next few weeks," said Tom Johnson, head of online business at International Currency Exchange.

"But, from our data, it certainly seems many British travellers have been stocking up on euros now for their summer trips.

"Online orders for the euro have increased 275pc on average, year on year, suggesting that holidaymakers are closely monitoring the currency markets."

But it is not just in the eurozone where sterling is stretching further.

According to the Post Office, which has published a report into exchange-rate fluctuations over the past year, about 80pc of the world's currencies are now weaker against the pound than they were 12 months ago.

Someone changing up £500 before visiting Brazil today would get the equivalent of nearly £100 more in local currency to spend than this time last year, with the Brazilian real having slumped by about 25pc since last May.

Meanwhile, a UK traveller converting £500 into Mexican currency would get back nearly £70 more in pesos than a year ago.

Other currencies that have crashed against sterling include the South African rand, the Polish zloty, the Hungarian forint, the Czech koruna and the Turkish lira. The pound has also strengthened against the Croatian, Danish, Bulgarian, Icelandic and Argentinean currencies.

"Although the increasing value of sterling against the euro has dominated the headlines, there are very few places where the pound is not packing a stronger punch this year," said Andrew Brown, of Post Office Travel Money.

"Our advice is for people to keep a



### STERLING EFFORT FROM THE POUND

At the start of 2012, the Post Office published a report pinpointing what it thought would be this year's holiday hotspots. Iceland and Croatia were among those tipped for success, as were the emerging destinations of Vietnam, Qatar, Argentina and Chile. Now we are well into the year, how are those places faring?

#### ICELAND

The country has had a difficult few years, with its banks collapsing and its volcanoes erupting, but UK tourists seem to be heading back there. This trend is likely to have been stimulated by the strong pound, worth 8.6pc more a year ago, according to the Post Office, and by the best Northern Lights in years. New low-cost flights from London should help to boost Iceland's tourism growth.

#### CROATIA

The Post Office says sales of Croatian kuna have risen by more than a quarter over the past year, reflecting an increase in the number of tourists the country is attracting – helped, no doubt, by the fact that sterling buys 12pc more kuna than a year ago.

#### SOUTH AMERICA

Despite the political posturing marking the 30th anniversary of the Falklands conflict, Argentina is the latest Latin American country to emerge as a leading holiday destination. Sales of Argentinean peso have quadrupled in two years, and a 7.2pc increase in sterling's value means Buenos Aires can expect to attract more visitors. Meanwhile, sales of the Chilean peso have risen 7pc this year.

#### ELSEWHERE

Five months since the launch of direct flights from London, Vietnam is consolidating its growth as a tourist destination. Sales at the Post Office of the Vietnamese dong were up 15pc in the first four months of this year. There is a similar story in Qatar, where a 45pc growth in currency sales in 2011 has accelerated to 54pc so far this year. These figures give backing to the idea that Qatar could start to give Dubai a run for its money as a destination.

close eye on exchange rates for all the destinations they are considering so they can judge where they will get the best return on their money."

Alex Lawson, senior broker at Moneycorp, said: "Everyone's talking about how the pound is soaring against the euro, and that's understandable given the continuing question marks over the single currency's future.

"While the EU is by far the most popular overseas holiday destination for Brits, this euro vision is blinding people to some of the other opportunities arising from the strong pound.

"Sterling has gained against a

number of other currencies in the last year and this shouldn't be overlooked as people consider their holiday options."

Mr Lawson pointed to particularly large rises against the Indian rupee, the Brazilian real and the South African rand, giving significantly more purchasing power to people heading to those countries.

The US dollar is one of the few currencies that has risen against the pound, with British visitors getting about 0.7pc fewer dollars for their pounds than a year ago, and there has been a 4pc drop for sterling against the Kenyan shilling.

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# Business Week

Your business is our business

By Nick Ames

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A TEAM of financiers is going where high-street banks fear to tread – by making cash available for small businesses.

Kent-based B&P Financial Services is composed of former Barclays branch managers and provides access to niche lenders for companies looking to obtain funds.

"Where high-street banks won't lend, we can find someone who will," said director Neil Pointin, who is based in Bearsted.

The company recently won the Commercial Broker Of The Year award for the third time in the last four years.

Consultant Nigel Barrington, who is based in Ashford, said: "This is something that we are particularly proud of as it is a national award and not something you can just enter –

you have to be nominated by your customers."

Pointin explained how the company worked:

"At a time when loans can be difficult from mainstream banks, we are able to access the whole of the market to allow our clients to go to appropriate lenders."

"They may be small and operate in a particular niche market, but their criteria for lending are often far less restrictive than those in place in the banking industry."

"For instance, when it comes to investment in property, banks are very tight, so sometimes that means no money available at all or just 40 per cent loan-to-value."

The revenue that B&P accesses is from lenders that operate by making money available to business but do not work as savings banks with branches and counter staff.

Pointon said: "A good example is Shawbrook Ltd, who started in the market last year and have



MAN IN THE MIDDLE:

Neil Pointin is director at B&P Finance, a commercial brokers that helps firms to gain finance from lenders other than the banks

an appetite to lend. Their criteria are flexible because they do not have the cost base that is necessary to operate as a high-street bank. They just offer loan finances. Also they do not access their clients directly – they work through commercial brokers such as ourselves.

"Commercial brokership has been around for quite a long time, but it is a specialist market."

"What we are able to do is give advice on all the options available and point businesses towards the lenders that specialise in their particular area of commercial activity."

## SCHEME

### Council and university's combined venture offers voucher scheme for innovative ideas

MEDWAY'S brightest business people are being given the opportunity to bid for £5,000 in support and expertise from industry experts, with the launch of a new scheme by Medway Council and the University of Greenwich.

The Innovation Voucher Scheme, funded equally by the council and university, will award vouchers to up to 10 businesses, which can then be exchanged for services and expertise available through the university.

This support can include product- and service-testing, new product or business model development, or training in innovation management.

Although there is no fixed value for the vouchers, each one can be redeemed for work undertaken by the university, typically more than £4,000.

Medway Council's portfolio holder for strategic development and economic growth, Jane Chitty, said she hoped the scheme would forge lasting links between growing Medway businesses and the university.

"We've seen a great deal of regeneration and progress across Medway in recent years, not least the development of the University of

Greenwich and its three Universities at Medway partners, bringing with them an exciting and diverse range of skills and expertise," she said.

"It's important companies can benefit from the changes taking place here and this is a fantastic opportunity for our most innovative businesses to benefit from the talent at our universities."

Ray Wynne, of the Innovation Centre Medway, said: "The Innovation Voucher Scheme fits perfectly with our main goal, to provide entrepreneurs and businesses with a wide range of support they need to ensure growth."

Applications for the Innovation Vouchers close on Friday, June 15. They will then go before a panel and successful bids will be announced at the beginning of July. Businesses will then be matched with the relevant support and experts from the university so they can get to work.

Application forms can be found at [www.innovationcentremedway.co.uk/innovation-vouchers](http://www.innovationcentremedway.co.uk/innovation-vouchers), or contact the Innovation Centre Medway to discuss your project prior to completing the application. Phone 01634 887282.

## NETWORKING

### New Knibbs on the block throw out big invitation to fellow Wells companies

THE Tunbridge Wells First Friday business network has held its inaugural meeting at The Wells Kitchen.

More than 70 people, representing businesses of all sizes, met to make connections, talk about their businesses and find ways of helping each other.

The network is organised by Knibbs, the IT and telecoms specialist, that has recently opened new offices in the town.

Managing director Tim Knibbs said:

"We wanted to make an immediate contribution to the Tunbridge Wells business community and decided that launching a First Friday business network was an ideal way of doing it."

Business people who attended enjoyed the informal nature of the gathering.

Gavin Fisher, chief executive of the Children's Respite Trust, said: "I'm really pleased by the number and quality of businesses that are here."

"Everybody seems to have come in the mood to network and it's very easy to strike up new conversations."

Reasons for attending were varied, from the simply curious to the strategic.

Collin Adams, of Bibby Financial Services, said: "I work for the Hastings office in the group, but I see a vibrant local economy in west Kent and want to get to know more people here to expand my network of contacts."

Business confidence was high among the attendees, despite statistics showing the UK is now back in recession.

"There is no shortage of opportunity to present proposals at the present

time," said Martin Long, of Sugar Marketing.

"Understandably, businesses want to make sure they are getting value for money, but business-owners are looking to the future and

doing what they believe they have to do to grow, including investing in their people, their infrastructure and their marketing."

Knibbs said: "I am delighted by the turnout, which was generated entirely by LinkedIn and word of mouth."

"The mood has been excellent and I am looking forward to welcoming even more people every first Friday of every month at The Wells Kitchen."



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# SMEs are seeing more days wasted chasing late payments

ONE in every 10 local businesses is spending more than a quarter of its time chasing outstanding payments, according to the latest research by specialist invoice finance provider Bibby Financial Services.

The survey of SMEs in the region has revealed that 10 per cent are now spending more than a week a month chasing customers for payment – a figure that has risen from 6 per cent in March 2010 – and just above the UK average of 9 per cent.

Chasing customer late payments is responsible for losing UK businesses countless

working days and is thought to be costing the economy £4.4 billion every year.

The results will be of concern to businesses in the region that have already been hit hard by cuts in public spending and the loss of public-sector jobs having an impact on the local economy.

The research was carried out as the Government considered implementing a new European Directive next year setting the standard payment term at 30 days and is designed to reduce the length of time that businesses have to wait.

Jon Charsley, spokesman for Bibby Financial Services in the South East, said: "It is a real concern to see so many businesses in this region having to spend longer chasing payments than last year, which is time that could be better spent building their businesses."

"Our research also shows that 42 per cent of business-owners in the South East believe their firms are doing worse than a year ago, with factors such as the turmoil in the Eurozone and increasing VAT appearing to be hampering business performance in the region."

# New Dungeness station threatened by EU ruling

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ANY plans for a new nuclear power station at Dungeness could be threatened by European Union regulations.

Dungeness A ceased operation in 2006, while Dungeness B, operated by energy giant EDF, is due to close in 2018.

At one time the plants accounted for 8 per cent of all employment on Romney Marsh and campaigners, including Shepway MP Damian Collins, have called for a third plant to be built on the site as part of the Government's energy strategy.

This hinges on contracts to guarantee investors the price they will receive for power generated by new plants, but energy minister Charles Hendry said that, because of EU state-aid rules, the Government could not provide the direct Treasury-backed guarantees investors wanted.

Ministers are yet to explain exactly who will act as the guarantors instead of the Treasury, but industry figures warned the Energy Select Committee that alternatives would be less credit-worthy and so push up costs.

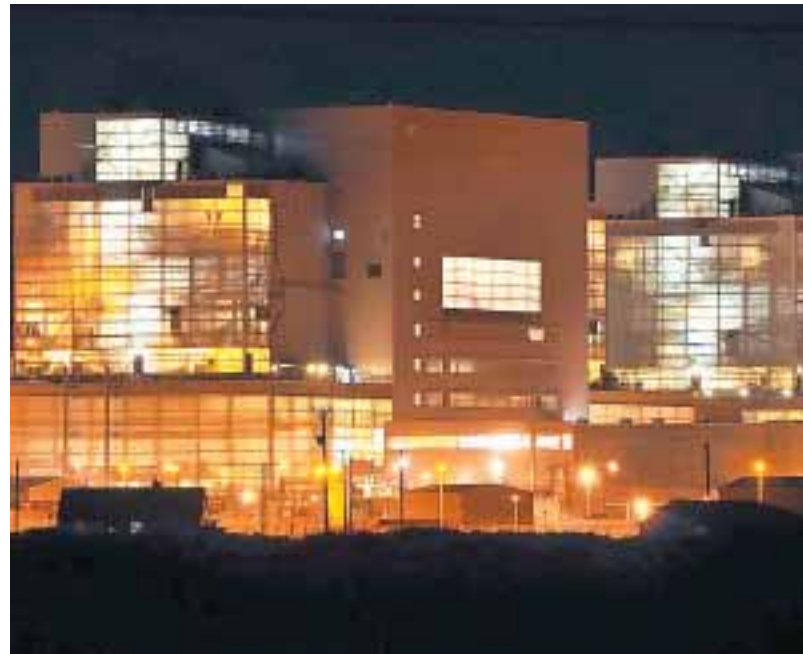
Volker Beckers, chief executive of RWE npower, said that what was known in the business as a counterparty was "crucial".

He said when the contracts for difference (CfD) – the power-price guarantee framework – were proposed last year, companies expected they would be "backed by Government" and that effectively the Treasury would ultimately be "signing the cheque".

"Now we are miles away from that point," Beckers said.

Investors could no longer count on a "AAA-backed contract" and that "inevitably has an impact" on the cost of capital, he said.

Mr Hendry told MPs that, instead of Treasury-



**LIGHTS OUT?** EU regulations on state aid mean the Treasury could not act as guarantor for the plant

backed guarantees, the proposed CfD system would be "delivered" by National Grid but if a future government reneged on agreed power prices the energy companies could sue for costs.

"EDF says there are other ways in which it would be cheaper for them, but we are yet to be persuaded that that would be permissible under state-aid rules," he said.

Tim Yeo, energy committee chairman, said the proposal was "bound to push up the cost of capital and, at worst, may deter investment".

He urged ministers to raise the issue of state aid with the European Commission "urgently".

The matter of nuclear energy on Romney Marsh is topical following proposals to build a storage plant for waste in the area.

# Promotion sees old hand prepare to take hold at Stagecoach



**SHAKE ON IT:** Phil Medicott and Paul Southgate

PHIL Medicott, managing director of Stagecoach bus operations in east Kent, will leave the post at the end of the month following his promotion to Stagecoach North East as managing director.

His replacement is the former MD from whom he took over in 2008.

Paul Southgate returns to take the driving seat of the £55 million turnover company, which operates the bus network from seven UK depots with a team of 1,200 drivers, engineering personnel and administration staff.

Southgate, who since leaving the company's Canterbury head office has held the positions of

managing director, Stagecoach North West, and most recently UK bus commercial manager, said he was delighted to return to Kent and East Sussex.

He said: "I'm sure that everyone who has worked with Phil will join me in thanking him for the great job he has done and wish him all the best for the future."

"I look forward to expanding upon the improvements made to the services and the network and continuing to encourage passenger growth, despite the economic and day-to-day challenges faced by the UK's bus operators."

## EMPLOYMENT

# Boss reaching boiling point as chef jobs fail to stir the unemployed

AN EXPANDING business that has just won a new contract says it is finding it impossible to recruit staff in Kent.

Despite unemployment among young people being high, Healthy Roots co-founder Dawn Phelps says she is finding it difficult to recruit chefs despite offering a good salary.

She needs the new staff to cope with increasing demand for the range of food she prepares by hand and supplies to nurseries and schools across the South East.

The Ashford business has just landed a new contract in Brighton, but Phelps says her pleasure at winning new work has not been shared by the local unemployed.

"I really don't understand it," she said. "We are offering well above the average salary, but local people don't seem to want the work. I have had to advertise nationally, which seems strange."

The company's business model is based on the philosophy that healthy and nutritious food is vital to children's learning.

Phelps said: "All the evidence shows that healthy, hand-made food is not just better nutritionally but also helps children learn because they are more alert."

"Parents who care about what youngsters eat at home know that what the nursery serves for lunch is as important as the attention, the social skills and the learning it provides."

"We work with nurseries that understand this and are delighted to have been asked to produce 100 meals a day for our new clients in Brighton."

"We are optimistic that if this first contract goes well we will double or even treble our work within the region – and that could mean even more job opportunities."

Healthy Roots has also picked up business in Tunbridge Wells and Medway and is becoming increasingly known for the quality of its food.



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## Training, courses and careers

### MidKent College launches new set of HE courses

MIDKENT College has launched a new series of higher education courses.

The courses – which start in September – cost £5,700 a year and include a £1,000 bursary for full-time students in the first year.

At the Medway campus there will be Higher National Certificate/Diploma in hospitality and event management; HND in performing arts (musical theatre and production pathways); and HNC/HND in public services (security pathway).

And at the Maidstone campus there will be HNC/HND in entrepreneurship; HNC/HND in sport and leisure management; and HND in health and social care (applied social science).

The launch of the new courses follows the Government's announcement in March that MidKent College had won 214 'margin' places for higher education – the sixth highest among colleges in the country.

Stephen Batchelor – director of HE development – said: "Our new suite of HE qualifications have been specifically designed to increase the employability of our learners.

"As the UK enters a double-dip recession, providing employability skills for our learners remains a key focus for the college.

"We have designed a series of qualifications that will provide young people with the skills and abilities they need to be successful in building a career and gaining an edge in the ever-more crowded job market, making higher education a worthwhile long-term investment."

Visit [www.midkent.ac.uk](http://www.midkent.ac.uk) for more information.

### Hadlow wins cash for fruit farming apprenticeships

HADLOW College has secured sponsorship for two apprentices wishing to enter the fruit farming sector.

The sponsorship will cover training over the three-year apprenticeship and is worth £10,000 per apprentice.

And because the funding has been secured from the private sector, there are no age or education barriers and applications from graduates and others with higher level qualifications is especially welcome.

The intention of the programme is to train entrants for supervisory and middle management roles.

Apprentices will be indentured for three years during which time they will complete a nationally accredited programme including fruit production, storage, packaging, promotion, marketing and management techniques.

The UK fruit industry has recovered from the severe setbacks suffered during the 80s and 90s, and the sector is witnessing substantial new and progressive investment.

The modern fruit industry is science, engineering and technology based.

Fruit production is one of Kent's most important farming sectors. The county is the UK's largest producer of top fruit (apples, pears, etc) and Kent's share of the soft fruit sector is growing rapidly.

Application for an apprenticeship is competitive and the selection process includes interviews with sponsors, employers and college staff.

Those interested can contact Pat Crawford at [pat.crawford@hadlow.ac.uk](mailto:pat.crawford@hadlow.ac.uk) or 01732 850551.

# Points now mean work experience prizes for university's students

AN innovative scheme that awards points to University of Kent students as they demonstrate their skills, and rewards them with work experience opportunities, has received backing from leading employers.

Tesco, Coca Cola and Enterprise Rent-a-Car are among the 80 leading companies and organisations offering work experience, internships, and skills development sessions, as prizes to Kent students under the university's employability points scheme.

More than 2,000 students have taken part in the scheme, which was rolled out this year across the university following a successful pilot launch last year.

It enables students to earn clubcard-style points for activities ranging from community volunteering and mentoring to participating in events and workshops.

Students receiving the most points under the scheme – which is thought to be unique in UK higher education – are then chosen by sponsoring employers for a range of work experience opportunities relevant to an individual's skills.

Stephanie Barwick, the university's business engagement manager, said: "Our employability points scheme is innovative in that it bridges the gap between offering students a way to enhance their own employability and providing employers with easy access to some of our most outstanding students.

"The scheme is based on the world of work as it relies on competition and rewards those who really do put themselves above the rest.

"It is a win-win solution for both students and employers.

"We are delighted so many businesses and organisations have become involved in sponsoring prizes that include mainly paid work placements and internships as well as other work shadowing opportunities."

Professor Alex Hughes, the

university's pro-vice-chancellor (external), said: "The university of Kent is committed to ensuring that all its students graduate with the skills they'll need to succeed in today's challenging knowledge-based economy.

"The fact that so many leading businesses and organisations support this scheme highlights the value employers place on our graduates."

Nearly 300 students receiving the most points under the scheme will receive their prizes from the sponsoring employers at an awards evening being held at the university on Thursday, June 7.

Other employers sponsoring prizes include Penguin Books, Skanska, the National Trust, the Royal Navy and Canterbury Cathedral Trust, as well as awards evening sponsor the Chaucer Group.

The University of Kent was established at Canterbury in 1965 and has now become known as the UK's European university, with students in Brussels and Paris as well as at its other Kent campuses at Medway and Tonbridge.

It has nearly 20,000 students, of which around 17,000 are undergraduates and approaching 3,000 are postgraduates.

The university says it has consistently been rated by its own students as one of the best universities in the UK in the National Student Survey for the quality of its teaching and academic provision.

The 2012 Guardian University Guide sees Kent ranked 23rd, with one third of its subjects in the top 12 nationally for teaching.

It has long-standing partnerships with more than 100 universities in Europe and it is the only UK university to have specialist postgraduate centres in Brussels and Paris. In 2010 it launched a new initiative to offer more scholarships to students from Hong Kong and China.



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## Schools & education

### Travel and tourism students flying high after cabin crew training day

CANTERBURY College students learned about life at 40,000ft when they became cabin crew aboard a Boeing 737 for a day.

The 15 BTEC travel and tourism students were put through their paces on the 300-seater airliner by JARE Airline Training Partnership.

They learned how to deal with passengers and cope with emergencies by taking part in a series of simulation exercises during the day-long session at

the Bournemouth Airport training centre. Completion of the short course earned them an NCFE certificate in Introduction to Cabin Crew.

One exercise involved them rescuing babies from a cabin filled with smoke, and for another they had to put out a small fire on the plane.

An airline security test had them locating replica guns and knives hidden on the plane. They even learned what to do in a crash and covered cabin

crew basics, such as supplying food and drink to passengers.

The day was a hit with the students. Lauren Leggatt, 17, said: "The training was hard work but it was fun. Being able to do it rather than just hear about it in a classroom has made me consider doing it in the future."

Classmate Melanie Jones, 17, commented: "Some of the exercises made me realise how responsible you have to be, especially when we had to rescue the babies from the cabin."

### Young partially sighted pupils help develop special iPad art show app

VISUALLY impaired students are working on a ground-breaking iPad application to enable partially sighted or blind people to enjoy art exhibitions and displays.

The youngsters from the VI Centre at the Charles Dickens School in Broadstairs are helping to develop the app with students from the University of Kent at Canterbury.

They have been giving vital feedback on what they want the application to provide as well as help to design modifications to the computer tablet to make it easier for them to use.

The team has also been working with the Turner Contemporary gallery at Margate and a trial run was a success for the fledgling audio resource project.

Sally McCormack, VI Centre manager, said: "It is a simple and effective way of helping blind and partially sighted people get the most out of a visit to a gallery, for example,

"The iPad programme gives vivid descriptions of each picture in the gallery and importantly it adds sounds like the sea or the wind or birdsong to conjure up the real atmosphere of the work.

"We trialled it at the Turner and the Elements



**ART:** Some of the visually impaired students in front of Rodin's *The Kiss* at Turner Contemporary

exhibition and it worked very well. It certainly meant that our VI students could engage much more effectively with the exhibition, which is extremely important for them."

Headteacher Andrew Olsson said: "Our VI Centre is always looking to push the boundaries to make life better in every way for our students. Our young people were actively involved in the University of Kent project and really helped develop a tool that they feel comfortable using."

### Fledgling actors get a chance to step into theatre festival spotlight

THE Miskin Theatre, part of North West Kent College, has been selected to perform at the International Student Drama Festival (ISDF) in Sheffield in June.

With over 150 UK entries alone, representing the UK's top drama schools, only 10 have been chosen for the prestigious event.

The Miskin is the only further education institute represented at the event, and they will be lining up alongside acting compa-

nies from the likes of Oxford and Cambridge universities.

The Miskin actors and technicians are the youngest to be performing at the festival, aged only 16 and 17, and on their first year of their Level Two First Diploma course.

Most other drama school performers will be aged from 22 to 25.

The company members are from Dartford where the Miskin is based and from surrounding areas such as Brom-

ley, Bexley, Gravesend, Rochester and Medway.

The production that won them the place, *The Lives They Left Behind*, was judged and selected by actress Lucy Briers, and she will be working alongside the young performers throughout their preparation for the festival.

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Members of the public may obtain CD copies of the original Environmental Statement from Lee Evans Planning, St. Johns Lane, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 2QQ, email townplanning@lee-evans.co.uk, telephone 01227 784444.

Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at [www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications](http://www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications) or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to [planning.applications@kent.gov.uk](mailto:planning.applications@kent.gov.uk) or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX within 23 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons and may include publishing on the Borough/District Council website.

Sharon Thompson  
Head of Planning Applications Group  
Kent County Council  
Dated: 27 May 2012



**COUNCILLORS' ALLOWANCES**

**Allowances Paid during the 2011/12 Financial Year under the 2011/12 Members' Allowance Scheme**

In accordance with The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 No. 1021 Part 3 (15) the Council is required as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of a financial year to make arrangements for the publication in their area of the total sum paid to each member in respect of the following allowances; basic, special responsibility, carers', travelling/subsistence and co-optees'.

Surname	Basic Allowance	Special Allowance	Carers' Subsistence	Travelling/ Allowance	Co-optees Allowance	Total
	£	£	£		£	£
Aitchison	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	66.67	66.67
Assirati	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.04	800.04
Atwood	5,279.04	16,749.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	22,029.00
Backhouse	4,730.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,730.04
Barrington-King	5,279.04	8,990.04	0.00	151.45	0.00	14,420.53
Basu	5,279.04	1,124.84	0.00	321.58	0.00	6,725.46
Bothwell	5,279.04	495.00	0.00	97.50	0.00	5,871.54
Brown	5,106.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,106.71
Bullock	553.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	553.45
Bulman	4,730.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,730.04
Chapelard	4,730.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,730.04
Chater	553.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	553.45
Cobbold	5,279.04	1,980.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,259.04
Cockell	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	266.68	266.68
Codd	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	361.31	361.31
Crawford	3,299.84	82.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,382.34
Crowhurst	5,279.04	0.00	0.00	397.00	0.00	5,676.04
Cunningham	5,279.04	8,990.04	0.00	4,091.15	0.00	18,360.23
Derrick	4,725.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,725.59
Edwards	553.45	138.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	691.84
Elliott	5,279.04	1,532.90	0.00	278.20	0.00	7,090.14
Greene	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.04	800.04
Hall	5,279.04	0.00	0.00	927.60	0.00	6,206.64
Hall	5,279.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,279.04
Hastie	4,725.59	0.00	0.00	96.10	0.00	4,821.69
Hedges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.04	800.04
Henshaw	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.70	800.04	900.74
Herriot	553.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	553.45
Hill	4,725.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,725.59
Hills	5,279.04	0.00	0.00	530.80	0.00	5,809.84
Holden	5,279.04	0.00	18.00	1,378.32	0.00	6,675.36
Horwood	5,279.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,279.04
Jukes	5,279.04	7,953.61	0.00	1,043.50	0.00	14,276.15
Lewis	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	361.31	361.31
Lockhart	5,279.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,279.04
MacKenzie	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.04	800.04
March	4,725.59	0.00	0.00	342.26	878.62	5,946.47
Mayall	553.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	553.45
Mayhew	5,279.04	8,990.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,269.08
McDermott	5,279.04	0.00	0.00	80.50	0.00	5,359.54
Miller	553.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	553.45
Moore	5,279.04	0.00	99.00	0.00	0.00	5,378.04
Neve	5,279.04	4,081.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,360.48
Noakes	5,279.04	1,320.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,599.04
Palmer	5,279.04	5,279.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,558.08
Parsonson	0.00	0.00	0.00	58.60	1,295.04	1,353.64
Pellie	4,730.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,730.04
Price	5,279.04	1,980.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,259.04
Ransley	5,279.04	8,990.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,269.08
Rogers	4,725.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,725.59
Rollington	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	266.68	266.68
Rook	5,279.04	0.00	0.00	175.50	0.00	5,454.54
Rusbridge	5,279.04	5,279.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,558.08
Scholes	5,279.04	8,990.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,269.08
Segall Jones	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.04	800.04
Simmons	3,630.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,630.00
Smith	5,279.04	780.50	0.00	820.30	0.00	6,879.84
Soyke	5,279.04	0.00	0.00	285.70	0.00	5,564.74
Spanswick	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.04	800.04
Stanyer	5,279.04	4,693.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,972.74
Thomas	5,279.04	0.00	0.00	289.25	0.00	5,568.29
Varney	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,780.04	2,780.04
Waldock	5,279.04	5,279.04	0.00	321.10	0.00	10,879.18
Ward	5,279.04	5,279.04	0.00	902.95	0.00	11,461.03
Weatherly	4,725.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,725.59
Webb	4,725.59	0.00	0.00	70.75	0.00	4,796.34
Weeden	5,279.04	714.56	0.00	622.70	0.00	6,616.30
Williams	5,279.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,279.04
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>246,843.90</b>	<b>109,693.76</b>	<b>117.00</b>	<b>13,383.51</b>	<b>11,876.63</b>	<b>381,914.80</b>

Co-optees' allowance recognise the time devoted by those co-opted members who serve on the Standards and Audit Committees of the Council but who are not elected members of the Council.

All allowances reflect an element of voluntary public service.

Paper copies of any of the above documents can also be provided by contacting Democratic Services, on 01892 554219. These documents can also be viewed during office hours at the Gateway customer centre in Grosvenor Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells.

Lee M. Colyer CPFA  
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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT  
PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010**

**NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13(3) OF APPLICATION FOR  
PLANNING PERMISSION ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT**

Proposed development at Land 500m South West Otterpool Manor Barn, (adjacent Harringe Brooks Woods) Otterpool Lane, Sellindge, Kent

I give notice that Ecotricity (Next Generation) Ltd is applying to Shepway District Council for planning permission for a wind energy development comprising the erection of six wind turbines, each with a maximum overall height of up to 125m together with access tracks, crane pad areas, electricity substation, temporary construction compound and amended vehicular access being accompanied by an Environmental Statement.

Members of the public may inspect copies of:

- The application (reference Y12/0451/SH)
- The plans
- The environmental statement
- Other documents submitted with the application

at SHEPWAY DISTRICT COUNCIL, CIVIC CENTRE, CASTLE HILL AVENUE, FOLKESTONE, KENT during the hours of 8.30 am - 5.00 pm weekdays, except Wednesday 9.30 am - 5.00 pm.

Or online at <http://www.shepway.gov.uk/content/view/200376/203/>. Please allow up to five working days from the date of this notice for details to be available.

Members of the public may obtain copies of the environmental statement from: Planning Department, Ecotricity, Axiom House, Station Road, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL5 3AP on payment of £150.00 for a paper copy or £35 for a CD version.

Anyone who wishes to make representation can do so in writing to the Council at the Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or by e-mail to [planning@shepway.gov.uk](mailto:planning@shepway.gov.uk) ensuring you include your full postal address and quoting the application number within a period of 21 days commencing on the date of publication of the notice.

C Lewis, Head of Planning  
Shepway District Council



**THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING  
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT  
PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010**

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

**Y12/0474/SH** - Montague Court 11 - 15 Westbourne Gardens Folkestone Kent CT20 2TJ - Crown lift of an Acer (T3) to 3 metres (5 metres over road) and re-plant a second Acer (T5) both situated within a conservation area.

**Y12/0466/SH+** - Highcliffe 2 Castle Road Hythe Kent CT21 5EY - Section 73 application for the variation/removal of condition 12 of planning permission Y11/1086/SH for revised details for the erection of a detached house as an alternative to that approved under application Y08/0819/SH to allow house to be built to meet a Code for Sustainable Homes rating of a minimum of 2\* as opposed to 3\*.

**Y12/0415/SH+** - Former Primary School Adjoining Marist Convent Seabrook Road Hythe Kent - Erection of a part four and part three-storey block of 13 flats, being details pursuant to outline planning permission Y08/0949/SH (details relating to appearance, landscaping and scale).

**Y12/0463/SH+** - Saltwood Village Hall Rectory Lane Saltwood Hythe Kent - Erection of a front entrance porch following removal of existing with associated new steps and paving, hard and soft landscaping works and the erection of a flag pole and notice board.

**Y12/0424/SH+** - Canon Newman Hall Dental Street Hythe Kent CT21 5LH - Change of use of the existing church hall to a single residential dwelling, together with a single storey front extension and increase in roof height, a second floor extension and other external alterations.

**Y12/0470/SH+** - Saltwood House Cottage Rectory Lane Saltwood Hythe Kent - Felling of a Cedar tree subject of Tree Preservation Order No. 13 of 2010.

Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or emailed to [planning@shepway.gov.uk](mailto:planning@shepway.gov.uk). Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. It should be noted that any representations received will be made available for public inspection.

Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:

# - The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney

+ - Hythe Town Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe

Applications can be viewed and comments made online at <http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/>.

The applications marked (\*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

C Lewis, Head of Planning  
Shepway District Council



**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990  
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND  
CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990**

Swale Borough Council as Local Planning Authority has received the following applications which are being advertised to ascertain the views of persons living near the sites and other interested parties. The proposed developments relate to one or more of the following:

1. The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
2. The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or its setting.
3. The application is for a Major Development.
4. The application would affect a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) applies.
6. This application may be of wider public interest.
7. This application affects trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order.

**REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING  
APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 11 JUNE 2012**

**SW/12/0081:**  
Construction of 4 x 4 bedroom detached dwellings and associated vehicle parking, plus realignment of Rook Lane including new access to mast and new section of Roadway to waterwork. - Land at Rook Lane, BOBBING; REASON 7

**SW/12/0209 & SW/12/0210:**  
New door to replace existing window for use as fire exit from kitchen, on north elevation. New air intake grille on east elevation - Spice Lounge, 76 Preston Street, FAVERSHAM; REASONS 1 & 2

**SW/12/0571:**  
Extension to existing pharmaceutical facility to provide a new high capacity manufacturing facility, warehouse building, link buildings, covered walkway, transformer compound, below ground effluent holding tank, internal access road and fire access road and landscaping including bunding - Aescia Queenborough Limited, North Road, QUEENBOROUGH; REASONS 1, 3, 4 & 6

**SW/12/0640:**  
Change of use from retail to launderette - 1 Queens Parade, East Street, FAVERSHAM; REASONS 1 & 2

**SW/12/0651 & SW/12/0652:**  
Conversion of existing garage to dining room with spiral wine cellar under the floor, and dark weatherboard to side elevation - The Old Stables, Newhouse Lane, SHELDDWICH; REASON 2

Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all documents submitted with them may be inspected during office hours; any representations should be made in writing to this address.

James Freeman  
Head of Planning

To place your notice here call the  
Kent Public Notice team on  
01303 817044

PLANNING

COUNCILLORS' ALLOWANCES

Members Allowances' Scheme 2012/13

In accordance with The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 No. 1021 Part 3 (16) the Council is required after making or amending a scheme to make arrangements for its publication. Full Council on 19 February 2009 considered the recommendations of the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel and agreed a phased adoption from 2009/10 thereby complying with its duty under regulation 19. Full details are available on the Council's website [www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk](http://www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk) under part 7 of the constitution. The basic and special responsibility allowances payable under the Members' Allowance Scheme for the financial year 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013 are as follows;

	Allowance (£)
Basic Allowance for all Councillors	5,279
Minority Group Leaders	2,148 plus £100 per member
Special Responsibility Allowances	
Leader	16,750
Cabinet Member	8,990
Cabinet Advisory Board Vice Chairman	1,320
Chairman of Scrutiny Committee	5,279
Chairman of Licensing	1,980
Chairman of General Purposes	1,980
Chairman of Joint Transportation Board	1,980
Chairman of Standards Committee	1,980
Chairman of Audit Committee	1,980
Chairman of Planning Committee	5,279
Vice Chairman of Scrutiny Committee	1,320
Vice Chairman of Licensing	495
Vice Chairman of General Purposes	495
Vice Chairman of Joint Transportation Board	495
Vice Chairman of Standards Committee	495
Vice Chairman of Audit Committee	495
Vice Chairman of Planning Committee	1,320
Other Allowances	
Co-opted Members of Standards Committee and Independent Members of Audit Committee	800

All allowances have been frozen.

Only one Special Responsibility Allowance may be claimed in addition to the Basic Allowance, except for Minority Group Leaders.

In accordance with Part 3 (13) of the Regulations any member may elect to forgo all or part of his/her entitlement to allowances by notifying the Head of Finance and Governance.

In addition, the following travel and subsistence allowances are also payable under the Members' Allowances Scheme:-

Childcare and Dependent Carers' Allowance

An allowance for any approved duty of £6 per hour

Travel Allowance Rates:

The motor vehicle mileage rates will be paid in accordance with the approved mileage rates published by HM Revenues and Customs. The current rates are as follows:

	First 10,000 business miles in a tax Year	Each business mile over 10,000 in a tax year
Cars and vans	45p	25p
Motor cycles	24p	24p
Bicycles	20p	20p

Re-imbursement will be limited to comparable costs of using public transport where the Head of Finance and Governance determines that public transport was a practical alternative.

Travel by Bus, Rail and Taxi will be the actual standard fare paid.

Subsistence Allowances:

Rates are those published by the South East Employers for 2010/11 and frozen. Re-imbursement is upon submission of a receipt up to a maximum of:-

Breakfast	£6.88
Lunch	£9.50
Dinner	£11.76

Accommodation: reasonable actual cost

Paper copies of any of the above documents can also be provided by contacting Democratic Services, on 01892 554219. These documents can also be viewed during office hours at the Gateway customer centre in Grosvenor Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells.

Lee M. Colyer CPFA  
Head of Finance & Governance (s151 Officer)  
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THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
Town and Country Planning Act  
Notice of Applications

**MA/11/1823/S** - ROUND OAK FARM, HENIKER LANE, SUTTON VALENCE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 3ED  
- Change of use of land to a holiday caravan site with the stationing of 3 static holiday let caravans as shown on drawing nos. 11/1001, 11/1010 and 11/1011 received on 24th October 2011. **Reason: 9**

**MA/12/0568/N** - 34, HIGH STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1JH - Installation of new shop front and associated works. **Reason: 1, 2**

**MA/12/0595/N** - 2 & 3, FOSTER STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT - An application for a new planning permission to replace an extant planning permission MA/08/1415 (Outline Planning Permission for the Erection of 14no. dwellings (3no. terraced houses and 11no. apartments) with means of landscape only to be considered at this stage and all other matters reserved for future consideration) to allow a further three years in which to implement the development. **Reason: 6**

**MA/12/0686/S** - LOOSE CRICKET CLUB, OLD DRIVE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 9SE - Conversion and change of use of storage barn to changing facilities for cricket club. Relocation of cricket and football pitches and installation of cricket nets. **Reason: 6**

Reasons for advertisement key:

- 1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
- 2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
- 6 - Application is Major Development.

9 - Application does not accord with the Local Plan.  
Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **10th June 2012**, quoting the application number.

**Rob Jarman**, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 27th May 2012



Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

**12/01342/FULMJ** **August Pitts Farm Churn Lane, Brenchley**  
- Extension to fruit packing facilities to include packing area, cold stores, offices and staff facilities, plus new access and landscaping (MAJOR)

**12/01378/FUL** **Colts Hill Farmhouse Colts Hill, Capel**

- Realignment of existing drive, new access gates and timber fencing (LB)

**12/01363/LBC** **Bird In Hand Stone Street, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**

- Listed Building Consent - Woodburning stove to living room and bedroom 1 (LB)

**12/01417/HOUSE** **Hartley Hall Hawkhurst Road, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**

- Summer house (LB)

**12/01432/LBC** **Webster House High Street, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**

- Listed Building Consent - Alterations to existing side entrance to house and rear access to garden (LB)

**12/01377/FUL** **Lonsdale House 7-9 Lonsdale Gardens, Culverden**

- Mixed use extension to existing offices comprising 57.14sqm office (B1) and five apartments (3 x 2 beds and 2 x 1 beds) (CA)

**12/01368/LBC** **Rowan Cottage Attwaters Lane, Hawkhurst**

- Listed Building Consent - Three storey extension to side elevation to include basement floor (amendments and alterations to Listed Building Consent TW/09/00954) (LB)

**12/01421/FUL** **The Pulse Oakley Road, Hawkhurst**

- Extension of time planning permission reference TW/09/01215/FUL: Change of use of existing shop to one ground floor flat with alterations to front and rear elevations (CA)

**12/01347/HOUSE** **10 Warwick Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks**

- Part demolition and part rebuild of existing conservatory at rear (CA)

**12/01366/FUL** **90-92 High Street Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks**

- Change of use from Class A1 (take-away sandwich shop) to mixed Class A1/A3 (to include eat-in provision) (LB) (CA)

**12/01323/FUL** **37- 41 Camden Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**

- Alteration of existing flats on first and second floors to create five flats in total including conversion of existing roofspace (TW/11/01258) - variation of condition 3 - to allow the enlarged element to the rear and the velux to the front (CA)

**12/01324/HOUSE** **5 & 7 Princes Street Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**

- Loft conversions with hip-to-gable extended roof and twin rear dormers to each dwelling (CA)

**12/01356/HOUSE** **Oakfield Lodge Camden Hill, Park**

- Re-establish missing chimney stack. remove rear extension and add single storey extension and glazed link to the east (LB)

**12/01357/LBC** **Oakfield Lodge Camden Hill, Park**

- Listed Building Consent: Re-establish missing chimney stack. remove rear extension and add single storey extension and glazed link to the east (LB)

**12/01372/HOUSE** **37 Princes Street Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**

- Single storey rear extension (CA)

**12/01249/LBC** **The Old Mill Amhurst Bank Road, Pembury**

- Replacement of existing plastic rainwater goods with cast iron, refurbishment of existing tile hanging, repair of top section of corner of corner chimney stack, replacement of metal window with timber unit, replacement of metal patio door with timber unit (LB)

**12/01364/LBC** **The Malt House Queen Street, Sandhurst**

- Listed Building Consent - Replacement to centre casements of first floor front elevation windows, and modifications to frames (LB)

**12/01350/HOUSE** **15 Prospect Park Southborough, Southborough Town Council**

- Conversion of garage to habitable living accommodation and installation of woodburner (CA)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website ([www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk](http://www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk)), at The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to [planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk](mailto:planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk) or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe  
Head of Planning Services  
Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

**Dated: 26 May 2012**



PROPOSED VARIATION OF TAXI FARES,  
SECTION 65 LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
(MISCELLANEOUS PROVISION ACT 1976)

THE COUNCIL'S PROPOSAL

Shepway District Council proposes to vary the fares which may be charged in connection with the hire of taxis (Hackney Carriages) the proposed variation is shown below:

PROPOSED TARIFF

- For the first 586yards (533 metres approx) £3.00
- Each subsequent 195.5yards (177 metres approx) £0.20

OBJECTIONS

Objections to the proposal should be sent in writing to the Licensing Manager at the address below giving the reference LC/11/10. Objections must be received no later than noon on Monday 11 June 2012

COPY OF THIS NOTICE

A copy of this notice can be inspected free of charge at the Civic Centre (see address below) between the hours of 08.30am and 17.00pm, Mondays and Fridays inclusive.

Shepway District Council, Civic Centre,  
Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent CT20 2QY

To advertise  
in this  
section



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Planning applications



Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995  
Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990  
Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990  
Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

**CA/12/00014/FUL:** 4 Argyle Road, Whitstable, CT5 1JS Replacement front windows. **Applicant: Mrs M McSweeney**

Reason: Conservation area.

**CA/12/00444/FUL:** Sara's Court and The Limes, 80 and 86 Canterbury Road, Whitstable CT5 4HE Replacement upvc windows.

**Applicant: The leaseholders and freeholders of The Limes and Sara's Court** Reason: Conservation area.

**CA/12/00469/FUL:** Heymar, Whitstable Road, Herne Bay, CT6 8BL Change of use of land to a touring caravan and campsite including the erection of associated buildings and formation of internal access road. (Revised Scheme). **Applicant: Heymar Leisure**

Reason: Major development.

**CA/12/00513/VAR:** 42 Victoria Street, Whitstable, CT5 1HZ Retention of dwelling without compliance with conditions 06 and 07 of

CA/06/0426/WHI. **Applicant: Mr Sheldon** Reason: Conservation area.

**CA/12/00650/LB:** Trottes House, 19 Pound Lane, Canterbury Alterations to windows and door. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Joy**

Reason: Work to a listed building.

**CA/12/00772/FUL:** 79 The Street, Adisham, CT3 3JN Erection of orangery to rear of dwelling. **Applicant: Mr Jones** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.

**CA/12/00794/FUL:** 68 Canterbury Road, Herne Bay, CT6 5SB Change of use of ground floor from retail (use class A1) to hot food takeaway (use class A5). **Applicant: Rosebell Properties Ltd** Reason: Conservation area.

**CA/12/00797/FUL:** 15 Tudor Road, Canterbury, CT1 3SY Formation of new pedestrian access including extension of footpath and associated works. **Applicant: CLS Partnership** Reason: Conservation area.

**CA/12/00800/FUL:** 47 Sydenham Street, Whitstable, CT5 1HN Replacement windows and door to front of dwelling. **Applicant: Mr D Edwards**

Reason: Conservation area.

**CA/12/00804/FUL:** 56 Whitstable Road, Canterbury, CT2 8DJ Conversion of existing dwelling into four self-contained flats.

**Applicant: Mr Topliss** Reason: Conservation area.

**CA/12/00820/FUL:** 35 The Street, Kingston, CT4 6JQ Conservatory to the side of the dwelling. **Applicant: Mrs J Rule**

Reason: Conservation area.

**CA/12/00845/FUL:** The Rose Garden, Bourne Park, Bourne Park Road, Bishopsbourne, CT4 5BJ Erection of double garage repositioned from planning approval CA/10/01974/FUL. **Applicant: Ms H P Harrison** Reason: Conservation area.

**CA/12/00860/FUL:** 102 High Street, Bridge, CT4 5AR Demolition of existing garage and car port and erection of two and single-storey extensions to side and front including a replacement garage with associated external alterations. **Applicant: Mr R McCarthy**

Reason: Conservation area.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to [development.control@canterbury.gov.uk](mailto:development.control@canterbury.gov.uk) to arrive on or before **Monday 18 June 2012**.

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: [www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc](http://www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc)

**Ian Brown**, Head of Planning and Regeneration

**Friday 25 May 2012**

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## MARRIAGE LICENCES

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND  
CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004  
APPROVED PREMISES FOR  
CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS**

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Walletts Court Hotel, West Cliffe, Dover**  
Applicant: **Gavin Oakley**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND  
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Name of Premises: **Westenhanger Castle, Stone Street, Westenhanger**  
Applicant: **John Forge**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **The Old Kent Barn, Smersole Farm, Swingfield**  
Applicant: **Hilary Simmons**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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APPROVED PREMISES FOR  
CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS**

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Astor Community Theatre, Stanhope Road, Deal**  
Applicant: **Mr James Tillitt**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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## PREMISES/ GOODS LICENCES

## PUBLIC NOTICE

## Application for Variation of a Premises Licence

We Mid Kent College of Higher and Further Education hereby give notice that we have made an application to the Medway Council, for variation of the following licensable activities:-

To permit extension of the hours for provision of regulated entertainment

To Permit the Performance of Dance

To permit extension of the hours for provision of Late Night Refreshment

To permit extension of the hours for the sale of alcohol

To permit an increase to the the licensed areas

To remove or amend conditions on the licence as set out in the application lodged with the council

In respect of the premises situate at Medway Campus, Medway Road, Gillingham, Kent ME1 3LY and known by the sign of Mid Kent College. The application can be viewed at the offices of the Licensing Unit, Medway Council, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham, Kent ME4 4TR during normal office hours (website address [www.medway.gov.uk](http://www.medway.gov.uk)).

Any person wishing to make representation concerning this application should do so in writing to the above local authority and within 28 consecutive days of the submission of the application, that is no later than 13th June 2012. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is £5,000.

Stephen Thomas LAW 8, Grassmere, Leybourne, Kent, ME19 5QP. Agents for the applicant

## Licence

H. APPS trading as Excell Electrical Event Solutions of 7 Castweazle, Rolvenden Road, Tenterden, Kent TN30 6UA is applying for a licence to use Fridd Farm, Bethersden, Ashford, Kent TN26 3DX as an operating centre for 1 goods vehicle and 1 trailer.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representatives must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is

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## PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY &amp; VILLAGE GREENS

## PROW - IN THE DISTRICT OF DOVER

**NOTICE OF MODIFICATION ORDER  
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981  
DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY  
OF KENT  
THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (FOOTPATH EE46 (PART)  
AT ASH)  
DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2012**

The above Order was made on 15th May 2012 under section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. If confirmed, it will modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by deleting the entire width of that section of public footpath EE46, which commences at NGR TR 3180 5982 (point A on the Order plan) and runs in a north-westerly direction for 4 metres, and then in a north-north-easterly direction for 187 metres to NGR TR 3186 6000 (point B) (between the points A-B on the Order plan); and by adding a public footpath numbered EE46 with a width of 1.2 metres, which commences at the aforementioned point A and runs in a north-north-easterly direction for 190 metres to NGR TR 3187 6000 (point C) (between the points A-C on the Order plan).

All distances are approximate, all directions are general.

A copy of the Order and Map may be seen free of charge during normal office hours at the offices of Dover District Council, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, Kent, CT16 3PG or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and Map may also be purchased there.

**Any representation about or objection to the Order must be sent or delivered in writing to Mrs Maria McLauchlan at the Kent County Council (address as below) no later than 9th July 2012. Please state the grounds on which they are made.**

Please note that objections/representations cannot be treated as confidential and may come into the public domain. Copies of any objections or representations received may be disclosed to interested parties, including the Planning Inspectorate where the case is referred to it for determination.

If no such representations or objections are duly made to the Order (or to any part of it), or if any so made are withdrawn, the Kent County Council, instead of submitting the Order to the Secretary of State (or part of it if the Authority has by Notice to the Secretary of State so elected under paragraph 5 of schedule 15 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981) may itself confirm the Order (or that part of the Order). If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment (in whole or in part), any representations or objections which have been duly made and not been withdrawn will be sent with it.

## PROW - IN THE DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY

**NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF A PUBLIC PATH CREATION  
AGREEMENT**

**HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 - SECTION 25**

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**

**DEDICATION OF A PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY AT LYDD**

**PUBLIC PATH CREATION AGREEMENT**

**RELATING TO  
THE WARDEN AND COLLEGE OF THE SOULS OF ALL  
FAITHFUL PEOPLE DECEASED IN THE UNIVERSITY OF  
OXFORD COMMONLY CALL ALL SOULS COLLEGE  
OXFORD**

The above named Agreement, made on 20 January 2012 under Section 25 of the Highways Act 1980, has been made by the Kent County Council. The effect of the Agreement is to:

Upgrade the entire width of that length of public footpath numbered HL15 which commences at its junction with Public Bridleway HL24 at NGR TR 0199 1959 (Point A) and runs in a north- easterly direction for 716 metres to NGR TR 0256 2000 (Point B) at the map edge; and the entire width of that length of public footpath numbered HL15 which commences at NGR TR 0256 2000 (Point B) at the map edge and runs in a north north- westerly direction for 24 metres to NGR TR 0256 2002 (Point C) before turning in a north-easterly direction for 49 metres to NGR TR 0259 2005 (Point D) to meet with Public Bridleway HL25. Between points A-B-C-D on the Order Plan. The route has a width of 3.0 metres and a usable width of 2.0 metres. This upgraded section of path will be renumbered HL49

All distances approximate, all directions general.

A copy of the Public Path Creation Agreement and

accompanying plans have been placed and may be seen free of charge during normal office hours at the offices of Kent County Council's Countryside Access Service at Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX. Copies may also be purchased there.

Under Section 25 of the Highways Act 1980, there is no right of an objection and the Agreement has taken immediate effect.

For further information please contact:  
Matthew Garvey  
01622 221971

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC LOCAL INQUIRY  
WILDLIFE & COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 - SECTION 53**

Notice is hereby given that an Inspector will be appointed by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to determine

Kent County Council  
(Public Footpath SD335, West Kingsdown)  
Definitive Map Modification Order 2010

and will attend at:

**The Old School Building, School Lane, West  
Kingsdown, Kent, TN15 6JL**

**On Tuesday 26 June 2012 at 10.00am**

To hold a public local inquiry into the Order

The effect of the Order, if confirmed without modifications, will be to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding a public footpath commencing on Hever Avenue between properties numbered 10 and 12 (point A on the Order plan) and running in a south-easterly direction for 64.0 metres, this section having an entire width of 4.8 metres including a tarmac pathway of 1.8 metres width. The path then turns in a south-westerly direction and runs for 28.4 metres, this section having a width of 1.9 metres. The path then turns to run in a south-easterly direction again for 43.0 metres to its connection with Church Road (point D on the Order plan), this section having an initial width of 1.9 metres narrowing down to 1.5 metres after 17.0 metres.

Between points A-B-C-D on the Order plan.

Any person wishing to view the statements of case and other documents relating to this Order may do so between 10.00 and 16.00 Monday to Friday by appointment at Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Public Rights of Way, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX. Contact Mrs Maria McLauchlan, telephone 01622 696871.

Planning Inspectorate Reference: FPS/W2275/7/64

Contact point at the Planning Inspectorate: Caroline Semple, Room 4/05, Kite Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN.

Tel: 0117 372 8626 Email:  
[caroline.semble@pins.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:caroline.semble@pins.gsi.gov.uk)

## PROW - IN THE DISTRICT OF

**NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO  
TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH SU35  
IN THE PARISH OF SEVENOAKS**

**PUBLIC FOOTPATH SU35  
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012  
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14(1),  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY  
RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Kent County Council has temporarily closed Public Footpath SU35, between the junction with Oak Lane and the junction with Grassy Lane from the 18th May 2012.

The route will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen before 16th October 2012.

The route will be closed because works to re-roof Morning Cottage mean the route will be impassable and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

There is no alternative route.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Mr Sam Honey

**Countryside Access Service  
Kent County Council  
Invicta House  
County Hall  
Maidstone  
Kent  
ME14 1XX**

**Dated: 27th May 2012**

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HIGHWAYS - Borough of Ashford

CANTERBURY ROAD, BRABOURNE  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of the installation of a new electricity supply cable, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Canterbury Road, Brabourne, on or after 2 June 2012 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Pound Lane and Manor Pound Lane.

The alternative route is via Canterbury Road, Plain Road, Bridge Road, Lees Road and Manor Pound Lane.

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

A28 WINCHEAP, CANTERBURY  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide services and drainage for a new development, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on A28 Wincheap, Canterbury, on or after 11 June 2012, as shown below.

The work will be carried out in 2 phases, the first phase being a full time east-bound closure with the second phase being night time closures in both directions.

The start date for the second phase may vary, dependent on progress with the earlier phase.

The closures are between the junctions with Ten Perch Road and Cow Lane, with access only, as far as Homersham.

The alternative route for both phases is via Ten Perch Road, The Boundary, Cotton Road and Cow Lane.

**PHASE 1** - from 11 June 2012, for up to 8 days, Wincheap will be closed to eastbound (Canterbury-bound) traffic.

There will be no entry from Cow Lane into The Boundary except for access for Homebase Deliveries and the Builder Centre.

Traffic leaving Canterbury will be unaffected.

**PHASE 2** - Planned to commence from 18 June 2012 Wincheap will be closed in both directions, for up to 3 nights, between 8.00 pm through until 5.00 am the following morning.

A2990 (OLD) THANET WAY, HERNE BAY  
(40 MPH SPEED LIMIT) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

For the safety of the public and workforce whilst water mains replacement works are being carried out, Kent County Council has made an Order to impose a temporary mandatory speed limit of 40 mph on the A2990 (Old) Thanet Way, Herne Bay.

This affects the section of road from the Chestfield Road Roundabout eastwards to a point approximately 50 metres east of the junction with Westbrook Lane.

This takes effect on or after 28 May 2012 for up to 6 months, or until the works have been completed.

MILL VIEW ROAD, HERNE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Mill View Road, Herne, on or after 11 June 2012 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

Sections of the road will be closed in phases, with access to Strode Park maintained from at least one of its junctions.

The alternative route for through traffic is via Mill Lane, School Lane, Herne Street and Canterbury Road.

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

BACK STREET, RINGWOULD, DEAL  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Back Street, Ringwould, Deal, on or after 12 June 2012 for up to 3 days, between 8.00 am and 7.00 pm.

The road will be closed for its entire length.

The alternative route is via Front Street.

PARDONERS WAY & PILGRIMS WAY, DOVER  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to renew water pipes and install meters, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Pardoners Way & Pilgrims

Way, Buckland, Dover, on or after 28 May 2012 as shown below.

**PARDONERS WAY** will be closed for its entire length, from 28 May 2012 for up to 2 weeks.

The alternative route is via Pilgrims Way, Parsons Way, Weavers Way and Squires Way.

**PILGRIMS WAY** will be closed on or after 7 June 2012 for up to 3 weeks.

The closure will be between the junctions with Friars Way and Shipmans Way.

The alternative route is via Friars Way, Weavers Way, Old Park Hill and Pilgrims Way.

The dates of the phases are approximate and may vary according to weather and ground conditions

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Gravesend

LEYWOOD ROAD, MEOPHAM  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of Electrical power cable up-grade, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Leywood Road, Meopham, on or after 11 June 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed.

There will be no access for through traffic from the top section of Leywood Road near the junction of Luxon Road.

The alternative route is via Lockyers Hill, Strawberry Hill, Dean Lane and White Horse Lane.

PRIESTWOOD ROAD, MEOPHAM  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of BT work to access a underground structure to allow a new customer connection, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Priestwood Road, Meopham, on or after 14 June 2012 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

Priestwood Road will be closed at the Junction with Chandlers Road.

Through traffic will be directed around the works via the island in Chandlers Road at junction with Priestwood Road

WHITE HORSE LANE, HARVEL ROAD, ERSKINE ROAD,  
HARVEL ROAD AND COMMORITY ROAD  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of Harvel 5 Mile Running Race, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on White Horse Lane, Harvel Road, Erskine Road, Harvel Road and Commority Road, on or after 2 June 2012 for up to 1 day or until the Event has been completed and again on the 1st June 2013.

The roads closed will be White Horse Lane, Harvel Road, Erskine Road, Harvel Road and Commority Road.

There will be no access for through traffic, The duration of the Closure for the above roads will be from 1:45pm to 3:15pm

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(A249 SITTINGBOURNE ROAD/DETLING HILL AND OTHER  
ROADS AT DETLING/THURNHAM/STOCKBURY)  
(TRAFFIC SPEED AND TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because of the likelihood of danger to the public using a road the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting traffic speed, the regulation of traffic and the use by traffic as described below. The order shall come into operation at times when required on 2nd/3rd/4th/5th June 2012 and 13th/14th/15th July 2012.

Schedule  
(The Speed limits and Traffic Regulations)

- Traffic in excess of 40 mph shall be prohibited as follows:-
  - On Detling Hill, Detling/Sittingbourne Road, Thurnham/Stockbury between the existing permanent 50 mph speed restriction at a point 480 metres north east of the junction with Scragged Oak Road to the turning for Detling Aerodrome Industrial Estate on the north east bound carriageway and from the Lily Spice restaurant on the south west bound carriageway.
  - Traffic in excess of 50 mph shall be prohibited from The Lily Spice restaurant to the right hand turn into Detling Aerodrome Industrial Estate and then prohibited to 40 mph to the top of Detling Hill.

- Traffic in excess of 40 mph shall be prohibited on Sittingbourne Road/Detling Hill, Detling/Thurnham/Stockbury in both directions between its junction with the M20 roundabout (junction 7) and the M2 roundabout (junction 5).

- No person shall, except upon the direction of a Police Officer, cause or permit a vehicle to:-
  - Carry out a right hand turn from A249 south west bound into Scragged Oak Road.
  - Carry out a right hand turn from Scragged Oak Road onto the A249 south west bound.
  - Carry out a right hand turn from A249 northbound into South Green Lane.
  - Carry out a right hand turn or "U" turn on the A249 northbound at its junction with Rumstead Lane.
  - Carry out a right hand turn from A249 southbound into Aerodrome Approach.
  - Carry out a right hand turn from A249 southbound into Chalky Road.
  - Carry out a right hand turn from A249 southbound into Church Hill.
  - Carry out a right hand turn from A249 southbound into Honeycrock Hill.
  - Carry out a right hand turn from Pett Lane northbound onto A249.
- The alternative routes for traffic affected by 2(i), 2(ii), 2(iii), 2(iv), (v), (vi), (vii), (viii), (ix) above are either:-
  - via the roundabout at junction 5 of the M2 motorway
  - via the roundabout at junction 7 of the M20 motorway

FARLEIGH HILL, TOVIL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to replace manholes, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Farleigh Hill, Tovil, on or after 11 June 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with Straw Mill Hill.

The alternative route is via Burial Ground Lane, Tovil Green, Lower Tovil, Church Street, Tovil Hill.

GRAVELLY BOTTOM ROAD, LEEDS  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of CCTV works on sewers, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Gravelly Bottom Road, Leeds, on or after 13 June 2012 for up to 8 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside Ulverscroft.

The alternative route is via Gravelly Bottom Road, Broomfield Road, Park Barn Road, Burberry Lane, Upper Street, Ulcombe Road, Gravelly Bottom Road.

GRAVELLY WAYS, YALDING (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of maintenance works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Gravelly Ways, Yalding, on or after 12 June 2012 for up to 3 nights between 23.30hrs and 05.40hrs or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the Beltring Level Crossing.

The alternative route is via Beltring Road, A228 Branbridges Road/Boyle Road, B2015 Maidstone Road, B2162 Hampstead Lane, Lees Road, Gravelly Ways.

HEADCORN ROAD LENHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because BT have requested safe access to underground structure for cabling works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on

Headcorn Road Lenham, on or after 11 June 2012 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of Green Lane along Headcorn Lane to the junction of Lenham road for the entire length .

The alternative route is via Via Green Lane , Lenham Road.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(HEREFORD ROAD, SHEPWAY)  
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Hereford Road on or after Monday 28th May 2012 for a period of up to 2 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via Northumberland Road, Cambridge Crescent, Nottingham Avenue.

KCC Highways apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary to carry out carriageway repairs. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Graham White on 08458 247 800.

SIMMONDS LANE, OTHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to lay a high voltage cable, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Simmonds Lane, Otham, on or after 11 June 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside Foxgloves.

The alternative route is via Honey Lane, White Horse Lane.

STEPS HILL ROAD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of verge protection works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Steps Hill Road, on or after 28 May 2012 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Chalky Road to A249 Detling Hill.

The alternative route is via Chalky Road, A249 Detling Hill.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(VARIOUS ROADS, MAIDSTONE)  
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC, BAN RIGHT TURN,  
SUSPEND ONE WAY ORDER)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because works are being carried out on or near the road Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on the routes described in schedule below.

Stone St phase 2 and 3 traffic orders

Phase 2 Mid June - October

LOWER STONE ST AND HALE RD

	As required and indicated by signs 1st July 2012 - 26th October 2012	Division
1	Close Romney Place	Padsole Lane Mote Rd
2	Close Lower Stone St (night closure 2230 - 0500)	Romney Place Padsole Lane Mote Rd
3	Ban right turn into Kightrider St*	Romney Place Padsole Lane and Mote Rd
4	Close Mote Rd slip from Lower Stone St (night only)*	Romney Place Padsole Lane

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5	Close Cambell Rd at junction with Hayle Rd and suspend one way order between Hayle Rd and Muir Rd*	Muir Rd, Old Tovil Rd, Upper Stone St, Sheals Crescent, Postley Rd, Hayle Rd and Muir Rd
6	Close Old Tovil Rd (E) at junction with Hayle Rd/ Postley Rd and suspend one way order between Hayle Rd and Muir Rd*	Hayle Rd Mill St Palace Ave Lower Stone St Upper Stone St Cambell Rd Muir Rd

\* provisional orders to be used if necessary after site investigation

Phase 3 October - March 2013

Upper Stone St

	CLOSURES	Division
	As required and indicated by signs 26th October 2012 - 31st March 2013	
7	Foster St at Junction with Upper Stone St	Brunswick St Priory Rd
8	Brunswick St at Junction with Upper Stone St	Foster St and Priory Rd
9	George St at Junction with Upper Stone St*	Brunswick St
10	Campbell Rd at Junction with Upper Stone St suspend one way order between Upper Stone St and Rawdon Rd*	Upper Stone St, Sheals Crescent, Postley Rd Old Tovil Rd, Rawdon Rd and Rawdon Rd*
11	Brunswick St East from Upper Stone St to Melville Rd Waterloo St at Junction with Upper Stone St suspend no entry at east end	East bound Upper Stone St Waterloo St Kingsley Rd Melville Rd Westbound Melville Rd Mote Rd and Upper Stone St
12		Brunswick St Kingsley Rd
13	Upper Stone St from Mote Rd to Waterloo St (Night only 2230 - 0500)	Through Traffic - Mote Rd, Watt Tyler Way, Ashford Rd, Willington St, Sutton Rd, Loose Rd Local Traffic (no HGV) Mote Rd, Hastings Rd, Waterloo St, - suspend No Entry Waterloo St at junction with Kingsley Rd
14	College Walk Footpath*	Priory Rd, Mill St, College Rd

\* provisional orders to be used if necessary after site investigation

The Order will become effective on 11th June 2012 and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months. These restrictions will be effective as and when required and the appropriate signage is in place.

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

**CROCKENHILL LANE, EYNSFORD - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on

Crockenhill Lane, Eynsford to Sparepenny Lane, Farningham.

The Order will become effective on 27th May 2012 and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence on 28th May 2012 and will last 3 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Wested Lane, Swanley, B2173 London Road, Swanley, A20 London Road A20 Main Road, Farningham, A225 Eynsford Road, Eynsford, A225 High Street, Eynsford, Riverside Eynsford, Sparepenny Lane, Eynsford.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate carriageway patching.

**SCRATCHERS LANE - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Scratchers Lane, Fawkham at the junction with Gorse Hill for 50m and Brands Hatch Paddock entrance.

The Order will become effective on 27th May 2012 and will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence on 28th May 2012 and will last 2 days.

These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Gorse Hill, London Road, Fawkham Road also Speedgate Hill, Valley and Brands Hatch Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate carriageway surfacing works.

**SUN HILL, FAWKHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Due to allowing safe access for electricity pole shift, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Sun Hill, Fawkham, on or after 28 May 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed for the whole length.

There will be no access for through traffic from the junction of Three Gates Road to the junction with Valley Road, Longfield.

The alternative route is via Three Gates Road, Speedgate Hill, Valley Road.

HIGHWAYS - District of Shepway

**VARIOUS ROADS, FOLKESTONE AND SEA BROOK AREAS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER JUNE 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on various roads in the Folkestone Area, as shown below.

Planned closure times are between 9.00 am and 4.30 pm.

**ALBION ROAD, FOLKESTONE** will be closed on 11 June 2012 for up to 2 days.

The closure is in the vicinity of the junction with Fernbank Crescent.

The alternative route is via Linden Crescent and Canterbury Road.

**AUDLEY ROAD, FOLKESTONE** will be closed on 18 June 2012 for 1 day.

The closure is between Shorncliffe Road and Croft Lane

The alternative route is via Shorncliffe Road, Coolinge Lane and Croft Lane.

**GRIMSTON GARDENS, FOLKESTONE** will be closed on 18 June 2012 for 1 day.

The closure is on the eastern section of the road, to the north of the T-junction.

Access remains from the remainder of the road.

**NAILDOWN CLOSE, SEABROOK** will be closed on 18 June 2012 for up to 2 days.

There is no alternative route as the road is a cul-de-sac. Access will be maintained whenever it is safe to do so, but there are likely to be some times when this is not possible, due to the use of machinery.

HIGHWAYS - District of Swale

**MINTCHING WOOD LANE AND RAWLING STREET, MILSTEAD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of phone cabling works in the carriageway, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Mintching Wood Lane and Rawling Street, Milstead, on or after 11 June 2012, as shown below.

**MINTCHING WOOD LANE** will be closed from 11 June 2012 for up to 3 days

The closure is in the vicinity of Walnut Tree Cottages, with no through access between the junctions with Wood Lane and Bluetown Lane.

The alternative route is via Wood Lane, Manor Road and Bluetown Lane.

**RAWLING STREET** will be closed on 14 June 2012 for up to 1 day.

The closure is between Lion Farm Cottages and The Larches, with no through access between the junctions with Mintching Wood Lane (north of the M2) and Cheney Hill.

The alternative route is via Broadoak Road, Bottom Pond Road and Cheney Hill.

**POOT LANE, UPCHURCH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Poot Lane, Upchurch, on or after 28 May 2012 for up to 3 days, between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Shoregate Lane and The Street (Twinney Lane).

The alternative route is via The Street and the remainder of Poot Lane.

HIGHWAYS - District of Thanet

**EPPLE ROAD, BIRCHINGTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

To enable a bridge safety inspection to be carried out, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Epple Road, Birchington, on or after 11 June 2012 between 10.00 pm and 6.00 am.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the railway bridge.

The alternative route is via Epple Road, Alpha Road, Station Approach, Rossetti Road, Epple Bay Road and Cross Road.

**SANDWICH ROAD, RAMSGATE & CANTERBURY ROAD WEST, MINSTER / MANSTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

To enable the construction of traffic calming measures, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Sandwich Road, Ramsgate & Canterbury Road West, Minster / Manston.

This Order takes effect on or after 11 June 2012 for up to 2 months.

Closures of Sandwich Road and Canterbury Road West will take place on various nights, between 8.00 pm through until 6.00 am, with specific dates notified one week beforehand.

Only one of the roads will be closed at any one time.

**SANDWICH ROAD, RAMSGATE** (formerly A256) will be closed to through traffic between Ebbsfleet Roundabout and Lord of the Manor Junction.

The alternative route is via A256 Richborough Way and A299 Hengist Way

**CANTERBURY ROAD WEST, MINSTER / MANSTON** (formerly A299) will be closed to through traffic between Cliffsend Roundabout and Lord of the Manor junction.

The alternative route is via A299 Hengist Way.

**ST PAUL'S ROAD, CLIFTONVILLE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

To allow electricity cabling repairs to be carried out, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on St Paul's Road, Cliftonville, on or after 11 June 2012 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with Sweyn Road.

There is no alternative route. The One-way Traffic Order will be suspended to allow access up to where the road is closed.

**ST PETER'S FOOTPATH, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

For the safety of the public, Kent County Council has made an Order to prohibit waiting at all times on St Peter's Footpath, Margate, in the turning area opposite Drapers Mills Primary School, as defined below.

The specific section of St Peter's Footpath affected is on the northern side, from a point 20 metres south-east of the south-eastern boundary of number 7, for a distance of 20 metres south-eastwards into the turning area.

This Order takes effect on or after 28 May 2012 for up to 6 months or until superseded by a permanent Traffic Regulation Order.

HIGHWAYS - District of Tonbridge and Malling

**A228 SEVEN MILE LANE, EAST PECKHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of street cleansing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic travelling at

any speed greater than 30mph on A228 Seven Mile Lane, East Peckham between A26 Tonbridge Road and A228 Boyle Way on or after 16 June 2012 for up to 16 days or until the works have been completed.

**COMP LANE, PLATT (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of cabling works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Comp Lane, Platt, on or after 11 June 2012 for up to 12 days or until the works have been completed.

The alternative route is via Long Mill Lane, A25 Maidstone Road, A20 London Road, B2016 Seven Mile Lane.

**WELL STREET, EAST MALLING (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary to replace a telegraph pole and provide a new water connection, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Well Street, East Malling, on or after 11 June 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Broadwater Road to outside 177.

The alternative route is via Clare Lane, Mill Street, Wateringbury Road, Pikey Lane.

HIGHWAYS - Tonbridge & Malling & Sevenoaks

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, SEAL & IGHTHAM) (VARIOUS SPEED LIMITS) ORDER 2012**

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL acting as the local traffic authority proposes to make the above named Order under section 82 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984.

The effect of the proposed Order will introduce the following speed limits on the following road or lengths of road;

**Schedule 1**  
**(Road subject to a speed limit of 30 mph)**

A25 High Street, Seal (A25), from its junction with School Lane for a distance of 380 metres in a generally easterly direction.

**Schedule 2**  
**(Roads subject to a speed limit of 50 mph)**

A25 Maidstone Road, Seal, A25 Sevenoaks Road and A25 Ightham by-pass from a point 380 metres east of its junction with School Lane to a point 170 metres northeast of Oldbury Lane.

A copy of the proposed Order, statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, a map indicating the location and the effect and a copy of any other Orders which will be amended by the proposed Order may be examined at the Offices of Sevenoaks District Council, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks and at Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, Gibson Drive, West Malling and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, County Road, Maidstone during normal opening hours.

If you wish to offer support for, or object to the proposed Order you should send your grounds for your observations, quoting the name of the Order and stating their reasons in writing to the Traffic Schemes and Member Highway Fund Manager, Kent Highway Services, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Ashford, Kent. TN24 8AD or by email to tro@kent.gov.uk by 27th June 2012.

John Burr  
Director Kent Highways  
Invicta House  
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Dated 27th May 2012

For further information, please contact  
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(T&C's below)

**DONNA** 24yr old single nurse, curvy, pretty, brown hair, big eyes, single and fun to be with, WLTm mature male for romance 25-45yrs. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391117

**SARAH** 27yr old single mum, independent, very pretty, GOSH, many interests, seeking male for cuddles and lots of TLC. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391097

**DENISE** very normal single white female, likes nights in/out, keeping fit, seeking genuine romantic black male for ltr. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391093

**SUSAN** very pretty curvy blue eyed girlie girl, WLTm genuine male seeking a classy blonde for a mutually loving relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391085

**JACKIE** 32 attractive classy professional, blue eyes, brown hair, healthy/trim, well travelled, feminine, smart, seeks male, 40-50yrs. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391013

**JAYNE** honest sincere attractive lonely professional, OHAC, looking for fun times with similar lonely gent, age/status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390985

**MARIE** 45, Irish, GSOH, seeking male with GSOH and lots of energy for fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391222

**JACKIE** late 40's, attractive, slim, fun to be with, looking for friendship, maybe more. Enjoys walking, nights in and meals out. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389283

**BERYL** 57, likes fishing, home life, seeks gent, 60-65. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382503

**Hi** I'm Jane a 40yr old divorcee with 3 children, looking to fall in love again, seeks genuine, confident, very tactile male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386643

**TINA** new to this and a bit nervous, lonely blue eyed 30yr old looking for male companion 30-50yrs. Status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386625

**SARA** 31 tall sexy and single, lovely green eyes, outgoing and social WLTm tall down to earth stable male for poss ltr. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386623

**ATTRACTIVE** 48yr old lady, slim, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes travel, cooking, working out, seeking loving man. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390968

**MICHELLE** fit trendy 40's female, no ties, good job, OHAC, fun to be with, looking for honest trustworthy male for friendship, poss ltr. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389757

**TRUDIE** blue eyes, dark hair, solvent, OHAC, enjoys life, spending money, going out, seeking genuine male to enjoy life with and spoil. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389755

**AMANDA** honest pretty single mum, 30, big brown eyes, attractive, seeking single male/dad for lots of tic and companionship. pls call. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389737

**ANNE** romantic lady, 60's, looking for that special someone for LTR, late 50's or 60's with own car. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386225

**LADY** 70's, easygoing, likes most things, medium build, seeks gent for friendship, car owner. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387743

**ANNE** 60, Christian, WLTm similar person. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390496

**FEMALE** 48, kind, caring, bubbly, GSOH, likes meals out, pubs, cinema, cooking, seeks male, 40-50 with similar interests for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383787

**CHRISTIAN** lady, seeks Christian man, 58 plus for friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386565

**JUNE** good looking divorced 40's female, bubbly romantic and looking for tic. Genuine replies only pls. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386301

**46YR** old young, curvy single mum, easygoing, caring, GSOH, wants to live and love, seeks honest man, 35-55 for genuine relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387143

**MONIQUE** black, looking for N/S gentleman, 50-60 with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391220

**WELL** educated female, slim, smart, mid 50's, needing to restart life, looking for tall, slim, smart gent with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391136

**BUBBLY** female, 49, kind, caring, honest, GSOH, brown hair, blue eyes, likes meals out, pubs, cooking, cinema, seeks male with similar interests for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390815

**YOUTHFUL** 52yr old female, old fashioned, seeks N/S male, 52-56 to have a talk and laugh with. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390771

**ELIZABETH** 70 plus, enjoys life, GSOH, seeks caring man for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390990

**51YR** old attractive Queen of the Jungle, seeking genuine, caring older gent for uncomplicated times together. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390916

**SARAH** 40, large, tactile, likes cuddles, walks, cinema, beach, meals out, seeking male for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390912

**AFFABLE** serene black attractive slim female 37 with a benevolent smile, loves reading nature, theatre, music WLTm genuine caring gent to share laughter/life. London Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369411

**LADY** 70's, easygoing, likes most things, medium build, seeks gent for friendship, car owner. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386331

**SENSUAL** 32yr old professional with no time to have a relationship, seeks similar understanding male for compatible discreet relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386309

**BECKY** 34 single mum of one, GSOH, employed with OHAC, fun to be with and very loving, WLTm Mr Right if he is out there? ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386305

**LOUISE** young 48, long hair, blue eyes, cultured, easygoing, good natured, seeks intelligent, genuine guy for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389389

**ATTRACTIVE** lady 45, medium build, fair hair, 5ft 2ins, seeks kind gent for companionship and friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383987

**TARA** 5ft big blue eyed babe with a cute smile looking for older sugar daddy who is not afraid to spend a little to live a lot! Good times always guaranteed. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381731

**NIAMH** slim attractive female, well travelled and body confident, seeking mature male who can handle a real woman. Or at least thinks he can. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384051

**EMMA** pretty 30yr old Scottish lassie, new to the area and looking for some nice company, give me a call and we can take it from there. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385373

**WENDY** enjoys most things in life and is up for anything, whatever you fancy? I'm willing to give it a go! Call me. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382079

**SARAH** 40's black hair, blue eyes, curvy, outgoing, N/S, likes meals out, cosy nights in, seeking tall, good looking male who loves a laugh. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388626

**GEM** 24, slim blonde with blue eyes, single mum of one, broadminded and extremely easygoing, WLTm genuine male for LTR. Dads welcome. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385369

**BECKY** single 29yr old slim female, attractive, blonde, seeking good times with fun male who does not take life too seriously. Status/age unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383057

**LAURA** single female 22yrs, blonde, blue eyes, very attractive with curvy figure, WLTm older male for fun times only. Status unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387049

**SLIM** tall, elegant, feminine, NS, solvent lady, young 50's, loves travel, red wine, seeks tall, sincere, military/professional gent of high calibre. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388071

**NICOLE** lonely and looking for love, cultured, intelligent, beautiful, creative and looking for sincere male for mature loving ltr. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388145

**JACQUELINE** blue eyed attractive petite blonde, fit/active and social looking to meet similar kind male for ltr and more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388137

**TRIXI** looking for older respectful gentleman for fun times only. I am bubbly very fun and can accommodate. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388135

**YVONNE** professional 35yr old female looking for someone to relax with, affectionate attractive and looking for same. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388111

**SANDY** slim attractive green eyed female, loves romantic walks, animals, WLTm loving caring guy for tactile relationship and more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 388109

**DEBBIE** 5ft 8ins, short dark hair/eyes, slim, daughter, easygoing, likes dinner, cinema, bowling, gym, music, travel, seeks male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386337

**SUE** young looking vivacious female with great sense of humour, OHAC, independent, interesting and sensual, seeking single tactile male. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386275

**DEBS** 38 green eyed sophisticated blonde, attractive size 12, not looking for anything long term or steady just fun with intelligent male, 30-60yrs. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386273

**51YR** old lady, seeking fun loving, genuine man for socialising and LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389840

**KEELY** blonde 18yr old, blue eyes size 10, busy, stays at home too much looking for casual fun with older male with OHAC. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385377

**WENDY** enjoys most things in life and is up for anything, whatever you fancy? I'm willing to give it a go! Call me. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382079

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**BECKY** single 29yr old slim female, attractive, blonde, seeking good times with fun male who does not take life too seriously. Status/age unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383057



**CHRIS** outgoing secretary, enjoys nice wine, romantic meals, looking for easygoing male to get to know and just see what develops. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383055

**TASHA** single working mum seeks light hearted man, 35-45 who also likes to enjoy life to the full for passion, romance and tic. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387047

**60YR** old attractive female, seeks non drinker for dog walking, theatre, galleries, photography and companionship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386231

**LYNDA** very attractive attached female, own transport and willing to travel, seeking similar natured male for extra circular activities. Must be discreet. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386653

**KERRY** blonde blue eyed cultured lady, very genuine, caring, seeking caring natured male 45-58 for loving romance. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386649

**LINDA** busty blue eyed blonde bombshell, likes holidays, socialising, looking good, WLTm Mr Right to become a perfect trophy wife. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389735

**AMANDA** 25yr old easygoing singleton looking for fun times only with mature male, 35-55. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389733

**SOPHIE** lonely fun attractive female, 21, looking for fun nights out and cosy nights in with similar male, any age/looks. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389731

**LADY** 60's, bubbly, hurt in past, likes socialising, cooking, cats, holidays, seeks kind honest gent, 58-65 for friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389653

**JACQUELINE** 51, 5ft 8ins, green eyes, Auburn hair, likes theatre, walks, seeks honest, down to earth, sincere fun man for good times, friendship and nights out. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387539

**ALICE** 18yr old tall blonde carefree student, looking for exciting male 18-30 for good times only. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387107

**MANDY** 45, 5ft 6ins, attractive, blue/green eyes, trendy, seeks tall, N/S male of similar age with GSOH. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 384555

**Hi** I'm Jo, petite, pretty, fed up with own company, seeking male to help me get back into the swing of things, for uncomplicated fun times together. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 387103

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
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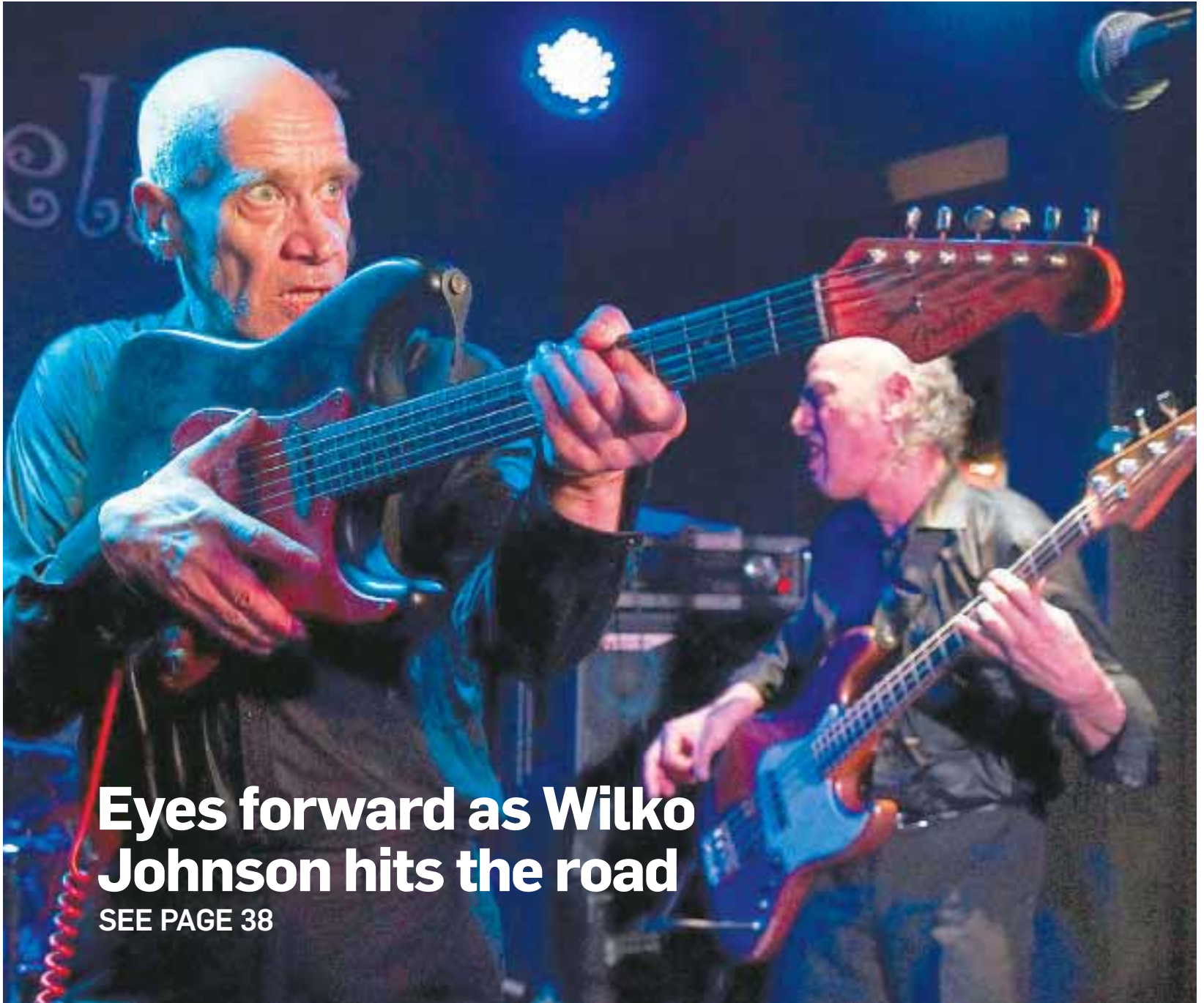


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## THE INTERVIEW

Andrew Eyre

# 'I want us in the premier league'

Theatre's general manager explains to **Joe Bill** how a town venue that was struggling for its mere existence now has big ambitions

**T**HE Stag Theatre in Sevenoaks has had more ups and downs than an over-zealous see-saw-rider, having suffered two closures, two reopenings and the seemingly-unshakable threat of demolition lurking for more than 10 years.

But as the British economy struggles to come to terms with a double-dip recession, Stag bosses have come up with a plan to make sure their theatre is both sustainable and cost-effective.

The man charged with overseeing the Stag's return to glory is new general manager Andrew Eyre, but the Sevenoaks town councillor is under no illusion about the challenges facing many local and regional theatres.

He said: "When we first started the Stag up again, we looked to find someone to run it, but we basically failed because all the people who came forward wanted to run it in their own way, in a very traditional loss-making way.

"Most regional theatres in this country are run by the council and by large grants from the local council.

"Sevenoaks town has 18,000 people – it cannot provide what would be a typical £300,000-a-year grant like other theatres. There are other places in Kent that have up to half-a-million-pound grants per year and clearly a small town like this cannot justify that.

"We recognised very early on that unless this was resurrected it would get razed to the ground. It would be demolished and therefore we saw it as an iconic part of the development of Sevenoaks."

And that is how the new plans for the theatre started. Eyre has lived in Sevenoaks with his wife and children for more than 20 years and is looking forward to the Stag getting back to the vibrant community-led venue it once was.

He said: "When we sat down to talk about it, we didn't want to have to justify the grant – we wanted to make a completely new business model. We would run it how the town council runs its other places, like a hall hire. We want people to come and make profit from the Stag.

"The usual idea for theatres is that councils split the box-office money with the promoter. They pay the promoter to come to the theatre in the first place and in order to do that they take a cut of the profits, but the theatre takes the risk



**EYES ON THE FUTURE:** Andrew Eyre has implemented a new business model at The Stag Theatre

as well. That is the reason this place went bust twice before, because people took bad risks. And we as a town council are not prepared to do that.

"What we wanted to do was to change it – we are giving promoters the chance to come in and make more of the money.

"The promoters take the extra profit. They have the standard, static costs to pay for use of the theatre, but then they go and make the extra."

The Stag team has already started a popular monthly comedy night, Outside The Box, which

has attracted big names including Russell Kane, Stephen K Amos and Angelos Epithemou. They have also confirmed a panto for this Christmas, starring Shane Lynch from Boyzone.

Eyre said: "When national tours come to us and say 'What do you mean, you're not paying us anything?', we say 'Come and take the opportunity – if you're so confident of your show, come and take all the profit'.

"So the promoters come here and say 'We made a lot of money there – let's go back again', which has now happened on many occasions."

Eyre got involved in the theatre during his

stint as the town's chairman for open spaces and has had experience of bringing leisure activities to Sevenoaks.

"I first got involved in civic duties through my local residents' association due to parking issues. From that, I got involved with the town council and became a councillor in 2007. We did a lot of work with open and green spaces, forestry and public places and managed to get out some new play areas for young people. I spearheaded the skate park at Greatness Park."

The theatre's new-found impetus has also seen positive results around the town, with businesses and the council profiting from bums on seats.

"The Stag is becoming much better known for its regional visibility and people are starting to come to us. The town council has a commitment to make it the best market town in Kent and we saw the Stag was central to the cultural part of that. It has proved a central part of the night-time economy.

"We have lots of real and anecdotal evidence of restaurants having to put on extra shifts and tables because of people coming here."

The team will still look to put on a range of shows at the theatre to draw in a mix of punters, but Eyre insists that he will not necessarily determine the programme – rather, it will be seen what promoters have to offer.

"There will be a balance. We do have aims to put on as broad a list of shows as possible, but we do not promote. And that is one of the things we are getting over to national promoters and the people of Sevenoaks – they now realise that this is a good way to run a theatre. The Stag was closed, it was dark, it was in danger of being knocked down. Not now.

"In the next five years I want to be in the premier league, have both a regional and national presence and show that Sevenoaks as a small market town can have a big theatre presence."

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**MARIE** 45, Irish, GSOH, seeking male with GSOH and lots of energy for fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391222

**JACKIE** late 40's, attractive, slim, fun to be with, looking for friendship, maybe more. Enjoys walking, nights in and meals out. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389283

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
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# Fruit and veg puts children on the starting blocks to make an Olympian masterpiece

**Y**OUNGSTERS are choosing their tools wisely ahead of the Create A Fruit & Veg Masterpiece contest. To celebrate the arrival of the 2012 Olympics in London, local food and drink champions Produced in Kent are asking primary-school children to create their own foodscape pictures using Kentish produce.

RJ Kingsland & Son, one of three sponsors behind the competition, has already provided a vanload of locally-grown fruit and vegetables to the children at Loose Infant School, near Maidstone, to help them in their endeavours.

Year Groups One and Two created some fabulous sports scenes with their produce as they geared up for the 2012 contest.

Simon Kingsland, managing director of RJ Kingsland, who described last year's competition as a "huge success", said: "From field and track to other major sports at London 2012, the children have created some wonderful fruit and veg masterpieces and I wish them all the best of luck as they enter their pictures into the competition."

"Educating young children to enjoy fruit and vegetables from an early age is the stepping stone to a healthy future. As a company we are totally committed to supporting Kent produce and local farmers. This competition is original and inspired and just what the county needs."



**CRUNCH!** Simon Kingsland of RJ Kingsland provided children the raw materials for their works of art

The county-wide art competition, which is supported by Archant KOS Media, is open to all primary-school-aged children to enter.

The Produced in Kent competition has been made a reality by the sponsorship support of abm Catering, Hadlow College and R J Kingsland & Son, as well as by funding from the Kent 2012 Small Grants Fund.

The challenge is simple: children can only use produce grown in the Garden of England during the early summer.

The three best entries in both the individual and group categories will be fast-tracked to a



live final at Broadview Gardens, Hadlow College, on Friday, June 29.

The winners will be awarded gold, silver or bronze medals and a bumper selection of prizes, including framed foodscape pictures entitled London Skyline and the book My 10 Olympic Days, by the Olympic double-gold-medallist and Kent athlete Dame Kelly Holmes.

Entrants simply need to email a photo of their picture to the judges at [events@producedinkent.co.uk](mailto:events@producedinkent.co.uk) before the deadline of Monday, June 11. You can visit the website [www.producedinkent.co.uk](http://www.producedinkent.co.uk) for more details.



## What a week at Marquis!

THIS weekend sees National Vegetarian Week draw to a close. It has been seven days during which the astonishing development in meat-free cuisine has been celebrated in a riot of creativity – and nowhere more than at The Marquis At Alkham, near Folkestone.

Here, chef Charles Lakin has been treating guests at the venue, which took the title of Restaurant Of The Year at this year's Taste Of Kent Awards, to a six-course vegetarian tasting menu at both lunch and dinner.

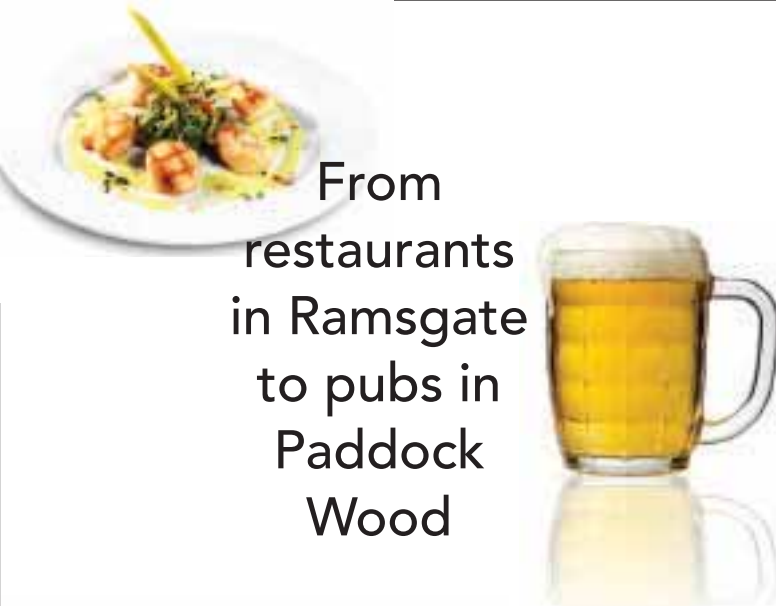
Giving the lie to the increasingly-hackneyed notion that vegetarian fare is bland or dull, Lakin's glittering menu features spinach velouté, pennywort and celeriac salad, lightly-curved carrot pannacotta, poached duck egg, wild mushroom pavé and banana soufflé.

"Being based in Kent, the Marquis kitchen benefits enormously from having passionate farmers and foragers living and working in the vicinity," said Lakin.



"For every superb piece of meat or fish that comes through our door, we'll have just as exciting a delivery from our forager of hedgerow leaves, mushrooms or wild herbs that we hadn't thought to use before. As a chef, I can't fail to be inspired by this."

"These days, there's no feeling among chefs that a vegetarian dish is somehow second best."

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## He's a Medway man Billy Childish is stuck

### Historic Dockyard, Chatham

Friday, June 1-Sunday, September 30  
01634 823800  
[www.thedockyard.co.uk](http://www.thedockyard.co.uk)

MEDWAY icon and celebrated painter, writer and musician Billy Childish has spent 35 years developing an impressive body of work. As a young man in 1976, the co-founder of the Stuckism art movement spent six months working as an apprentice stonemason at Chatham dockyard, and he now returns as official artist in residence with an exhibition of striking new paintings, drawings and prints at The Historic Dockyard's gallery, No 1 Smithery. Frozen Estuary And Other Paintings Of The Divine Ordinary will also feature a selection of Childish's recorded and written work, along with other background material relating to his life and times in Medway.

## Indoor festival Huge Jubilee street party

### Glow, Bluewater

Thu, May 31-Mon, June 4  
Tickets on sale  
[www.gbhomeshow.co.uk](http://www.gbhomeshow.co.uk)

YOU can celebrate the Diamond Jubilee at the Great British Home Show with a huge indoor street party. A stretch of the lower level at Glow, Bluewater, will be set

aside for visitors to celebrate in style with fairground attractions, street entertainers and musicians.

There will also be the very best British food and drink from some of the finest suppliers in the country, including fine wine from Chapel Down vineyards and food from the likes of Aubrey Allen and the award-winning Stokes Sauces. The show is timed to coincide with the long Jubilee weekend and it will be opened on Thursday, May 31, by celebrity DIY expert Craig Phillips and the BBC's Oliver Heath.



## Brewery town fringe festival Meet the arts

### Faversham Festival

Friday to Sunday, June 15-24  
01795 594460  
[www.favershamfestival.org](http://www.favershamfestival.org)

DON'T miss the Faversham Festival next month, offering visitors the chance to engage in the arts.

There will be art exhibitions, craft stalls, dance and a range of musical gigs among the fringe events.

Bands representing genres from opera to pop, with artists The Urban Soul Orchestra, Bardcore, Henry Dagg, Invicta Jazz Orchestra, Tania Holland, Bowstring and many, many more, are due to take the stage during the festival.

There will be an art exhibition from the Matters Group, together with photographer Peter Smith and Susanna Rosti Rossini, who specialises in photography on canvas. Relax in the sunshine with lunchtime concerts in the marketplace on Thursday and Friday, June 21-22, from 10am to 5pm.



## Spanish feast of English art Roy Trollope

### Georges House Gallery, Folkestone

Fri, May 25-Wed, June 6  
[www.roytrollope.co.uk](http://www.roytrollope.co.uk)

UNFINISHED Journey is a collection of paintings and collages with a Spanish theme from artist Roy Trollope. The work will be on show for the first time in this country

when it comes to Georges House Gallery, Folkestone, for the next two weeks.

Trollope was producing what he thought was his best work, which celebrates life in a restored farmhouse on a Spanish mountain, when he died suddenly in 2008. In the 50s and 60s, Trollope focused on life-painting and abstraction, while in the 70s he explored constructivism. Much of this early work is in private ownership, while the art he made between 1989 and 1996 is only now beginning to be seen in public.

**Tuesday 26th June**  
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## Royal rumblin' Bruiser Finlay is fit to fight

**Assembly Hall Theatre,  
Tunbridge Wells**  
Saturday, June 9  
01892 530 613

THERE will be a royal rumble rampage at the Assembly Hall next month in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee. All Star Wrestling will feature high-flying, all-action stars

from around the country as well as former WWE superstar Dave 'Fit' Finlay, left. There is already a buzz among fans after the announcement that the series will see the return to British action of Belfast bruiser Finlay. You can see extreme top-rope action featuring Danny Collins, one-time tag partner of wrestling legend Big Daddy, as well as Mikey Whiplash, Rampage Brown and TNA's 'star attraction' Mark Haskins. Tickets are on sale now (adults £15, children £10 and a £45 family offer).

## Rock on to the Olympic torch Coming soon..

**Leeds Castle, Maidstone**  
Thursday, July 19  
[www.ticketmaster.co.uk/LeedsCastleOlympicTorchEvent](http://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/LeedsCastleOlympicTorchEvent)

THE Olympic torch will pass through Leeds Castle on its way to London in July and the entertainment will be rocking. The event will include a cauldron-lighting ceremony, a set by Rizzle Kicks, street entertainment and music acts from the Olympic sponsors. From 5pm until 7.30pm the show will include a musical production by local performers telling the story of Maidstone. Local residents will get preference for the tickets, with 80 per cent going to people who have a Maidstone borough postcode. The tickets will be free, with a single transaction cost of £2.50, and are available now. The event will be screened live in Mote Park, which will host the finals of Maidstone's Got Talent, Shaun Williamson and Alvin Stardust.



## Just paws for thought Dogs and horses star

**The Hop Farm, Paddock Wood**  
Saturday and Sunday, May 26-27  
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[www.thehopfarm.co.uk](http://www.thehopfarm.co.uk)

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## Take a bow Fire your way to free course

**Quex Park, Birchington**  
Sunday, May 27  
01843 842168  
[www.quexamuseum.org](http://www.quexamuseum.org)

THE bow and arrow has featured in history for thousands of years, and on Sunday visitors to Quex Park can try the ancient skill of archery under the watchful

eye and guidance of members of Thanet Archery Club. The club is offering a free beginners' course to the winner of a competition shoot-off. Members will demonstrate their skills and show a full range of equipment, from basic training bow to Olympic-standard kit. One of the fastest-growing sports in the UK, archery attracts young and old alike, able-bodied and disabled people, all competing together. Tickets are priced at £7 for adults, £5 for children and £20 for a family.



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## The Feelgood factor returns Wilko Johnson

**Tunbridge Wells Forum**

Saturday, June 16  
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www.twforum.co.uk

WILKO Johnson, guitarist and founding member of Dr Feelgood, is embarking on a UK tour.

The man who has been quoted as a big influence on The Clash frontman Joe Strummer will be accompanied on tour by Norman Watt-Roy on bass guitar and Dylan Howe on drums. Johnson made his name in 1971 when he formed British pub-rock band Dr Feelgood. Known for their high-energy live performances, their first studio album, 1974's *Down By The Jetty*, proved hugely popular before the 1976 live record *Stupidity* reached top spot in the UK album chart. Johnson left the group to pursue a solo career, then joined Ian Dury And The Blockheads. Johnson has recently been seen as the royal executioner in TV's *Game Of Thrones*.



## A proper royal knees-up... England rejoice!

**Woodville Halls, Gravesend**

Thursday, May 31  
01474 337774  
www.woodville.co.uk

ENJOY the perfect way to celebrate the Jubilee in a wonderful feel-good afternoon filled with patriotic music, nostalgia and fun celebrating the very best of English

entertainment. You can travel back through 60 great years to June 2, 1953, which was, of course, Coronation Day. There Will Always Be An England will wing you through the 1960s, from cockney sing-a-longs to the stirring sounds of the last night of the Proms, and finally a very special tribute to the Armed Forces. The Spotlights Brasserie in the Woodville foyer will be serving traditional fish-and-chip lunches, complete with a bottle of ale, while the resident pianist tinkles the ivories.



## Birds Of A Feather Chigwell girls return

**The Churchill Theatre, Bromley**

Monday to Saturday, June 4-9  
Tickets are £15-£29  
www.atgtickets.com/bromley

AS one of the most popular sitcoms of the 90s, it is no wonder that eventually there would be calls for *Birds Of A Feather* to return in some capacity. And, now reborn as a stage show, it returns with original stars Pauline Quirke, Linda Robson and Leslie Joseph all signing up for the gig. You can join sisters Sharon and Tracey and their sex-mad neighbour Dorien in a new production from the writers of the successful stage adaptation of Victoria Wood's *Dinnerladies*. The show takes off where the series ended. Set in Chigwell, it chronicled the misadventures of Sharon Theodopolopoudos and Tracey Stubbs and ran for almost 10 years until 1998.

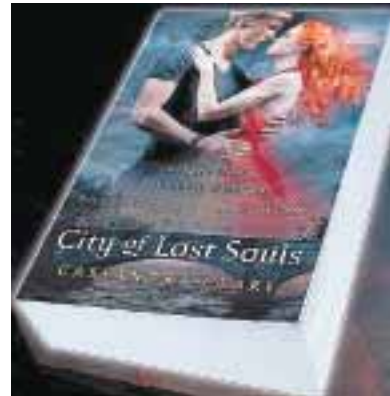
## Cassandra Clare writes... Book-signing

**Waterstones, Bluewater**

Sunday, May 27, at 1pm  
www.bluewater.co.uk

INTERNATIONAL best-selling teen-fiction author Cassandra Clare will be signing her latest novel in the *Mortal Instruments* series at Bluewater.

The American will be meeting fans at the Waterstones store and autographing copies of *City Of Lost Souls*. Clare's series of *Mortal Instruments* has a huge fan base of young adults, selling more than six million copies in the US, with 10 million copies in print worldwide. Her books have been translated into 34 languages. The author's success has meant a big-budget film of the first in the series, *City Of Bones*. It has been planned with producer Robert Kulzer, with filming to start in August.



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All aboard the Zafira Tourer fun bus for ride of your life

# Driving

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By **Steve Loader**  
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NOBODY would have guessed it then, but Peugeot established a dynasty of superminis when it launched the 205 in 1983. Some 5.3 million 205s were produced and it landed the glowing accolade Car Of The Decade in 1993, from the then ultra-cool Car Magazine. The 205 gave way to the even more successful 206 (1998-2010 – 6.8 million built) before the bigger and more premium 207 (2006-12), which sold rather less but upheld a great tradition. What's all the more remarkable about this legacy is that Peugeot had no great tradition for small cars before the arrival of the 205 – and certainly not stylish ones... if you can recall the rather ugly Peugeot 104. But not only did the 205 rewrite the stylebook for Peugeot's own and everyone else's small hatchbacks, but there were fondly-remembered flagships like the Pininfarina convertible versions and brilliant GTi hot-hatches that made the most of the 205's wheel-at-each corner handling. No pressure then on the all-new 208 – latest in the dynasty – when it hits showrooms on Thursday, June 28.

However, the signs are good. For a start, the 208 marks a return to the compact scale of the 205 and 206 after the relatively big 207, yet clever cabin design has created masses of space inside. Clever powertrains give it the economic/eco-friendly credentials now required by buyers, with a lightweight 1.0-litre three-cylinder petrol engine being the potential star, offering a road-tax-exempt 99g/km of CO2 that challenges dearer diesel options with the same tax status. The new car comes in three- and five-door configurations, starting at £9,995 for the three-door VTi 68bhp Access model.

With a design already set to spark interest from younger drivers – the consumers who took the 205 so much to their hearts – Peugeot will also add the car to its innovative 'Just Add Fuel' leasing offer.

For a fixed monthly price including insurance, the only extras are fuel costs, and by now opening the scheme to drivers as young as 21, the French marque should give the 208 a flying start in the sales charts.

Five trim levels are offered, with the single entry level Access three-door model including electric front windows, remote-controlled central locking and a sound system with steering-column-mounted controls and, perhaps surprisingly, cruise control.

However, you'll need an extra £850 to trade up to Access+ trim to get air-con and more goodies.

As with its illustrious predecessor, Peugeot also expects some premium demand. The 205 satisfied this with special editions like the Roland Garros, and the 208's take on this is the 'Ice Velvet' Limited Edition (£18,495), including big panoramic roof, lots of chrome and special trimming, dual zone air-con and premium alloys.



PEUGEOT 208

Price:	£9,995
Driving appeal:	n/a
Image:	★★★★
Space:	★★★★★
Value:	★★★★
Running costs:	★★★★★
Reliability:	★★★★
How green?:	★★★★
Best rival:	Suzuki Swift

## Peugeot's dynasty soap all set to continue with episode 208



**ONWARDS:** The new 208, top, looks stylish in both three- and five-door versions, while the GTi, left, was the epitome of 205 cool... but judging by this GTi concept car, far left, the 208 could hit the same heights as its predecessor

DON'T LIKE

... the fact that we've had to wait a generation to really uphold the greatness of the 205 and 206; the 207 was a bit of a dud by comparison.

NOT SURE

... the entry models will look cheap and well specified enough against some of the opposition, though 'French chic' should sway many buyers.

REALLY LIKE

... the look of the 208, the promise of good driving enjoyment and the technology and efficiency built into some excellent powertrains.

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MOTORING NEWS



'Ceeding' to start in June

KIA launches its all-new Kia Ceed on Friday, June 1, priced from £14,395.

As with the first-generation car, it has been designed, engineered and built in Europe.

Two petrol and two turbodiesel engines are offered, all with six-speed gearboxes, including Kia's first-ever dual clutch box.

The car also has the usual Kia seven-year/100,000-mile warranty.

All aboard the Wonka express

By Steve Loader  
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KIDS told me that if Willy Wonka had runabouts for his Chocolate Factory then they would look like this week's test car.

Admittedly, our Vauxhall Zafira Tourer's dark-brown exterior and chocolate and caramel interior could have been a giant Wonka bar, while its seven seats left plenty of room for Wonka's little helpers – the Oompa-Loompas.

No, it wasn't a colour scheme I would have chosen, but the chocolate theme made it an even bigger hit with a carload of kids, who enjoyed manoeuvring the three independent middle-row seats and, as ever, arguing over who would sit in the rearmost pair.

Aside from being a fun bus for kids – whatever its colour – the Zafira Tourer (from £21,010) is also a pleasure for grown-ups.

It's a big and roomy yet good-looking people-carrier, impeccably screwed together with a well-arranged classy and glassy cabin. Depending on whether you have the standard or sporting chassis, it also handles tautly for a high vehicle.

The latter means that Vauxhall can now put pressure on Ford's S-Max, which has had the 'sporty seven-seater' label rather to itself.

What's more, the Zafira Tourer is actually slightly cheaper.

Of two petrol options, the turbocharged 140PS (138bhp) 1.4-litre (from £22,320) is quite a revelation. It's lively and the combined mpg is only 10-12 worse than the equivalent diesel, depending on model, and you'll save yourself at least £1,000 upfront.

However, most people will opt for the diesel (from £22,270) – a 2.0-litre unit available in three outputs, particularly if they are going to use all those seats and space on a regular basis.

Our test car was the most powerful, the 165PS (163bhp), which will hit 60mph in 9.3 seconds yet average more than 50mpg when fitted with the start/stop fuel and emissions saver for city or congestion use.

Ours was also in upmarket SE spec, which brings the sports chassis that I recommend you need to sharpen up the car.

The Tourer looks and feels closer to the road than many MPVs, but you still get a high driving

VAUXHALL ZAFIRA TOURER SE 2.0 CDTi START/STOP: PRICE £25,920



Image:	★★★★
Space:	★★★★★
Value:	★★★★★
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**IMPRESSIVE:** Vauxhall's Zafira Tourer has everything you would want for a family car: classy interior, plenty of room, seven seats and more than enough space for stowage, perfect for long journeys

position even if it's not enough to see where that long nose ends, and the sports set-up cuts down on body roll when cornering while still delivering an excellent ride quality – literally a tall order for most MPVs.

And with the gearshift nicely to hand, plus a steering set-up that manages to be light for parking yet gives good feedback, the big Tourer can feel quite agile.

But that's really for when driving solo; mostly, Tourer owners will be using the car's considerable flexibility to carry people and their stuff.

And that's really where the Tourer scores with its high-quality interior and the ability to slide, rake or fold those three middle seats independently. The sliding makes it possible to adjust legroom for the two rear chairs to carry adults – a rarity in a seven-seater.

Needless to say, folding them all down turns the Tourer into a huge van – ideal for a bit of sidebazaar moving.

Upmarket versions also feature a FlexRail centre console that has a deep bin, retractable cup-holder and sliding armrest; it's a clever piece of kit to complement lots of stowage and connectivity in the car – perfect for long fully-laden journeys.

Equipment on the car is generous anyway, but particularly so on our SE model – one step away from flagship Elite trim.

Starting at £23,670, SE brings all the usual electrical goodies plus climate control, 17-inch alloys, leather-clad wheel with audio controls, rear privacy glass, brightwork roof rails, cruise-control, rain-sensing wipers and smart sports seats and pedals.



Maxing out on pick-up cover

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# Toyota, schizophrenic? Who us?

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It's no monster, either. After years of obsessing with hybrids, there was no way Toyota's bout of sporting schizophrenia was going to



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On top of all this, the Prius+ also functions well as a seven-seat people-carrier, with all five rear seats folding flat.

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FOOTBALL

# Brickies ambition fuelled Ward brothers' decision

By Greg Miles  
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NEW Sittingbourne manager Jim Ward is relishing the challenge of taking the club away from its recent relegation troubles.

The 61-year-old Scot has taken on the role at the Brickies with his partner in crime, 43-year-old brother Danny, who he had successful spells with in joint roles at Ramsgate and Maidstone United.

For the past few years Ward had been working on his own at Ramsgate before stepping down towards the end of last season after a poor run of results.

He admitted he had several offers but wanted a club to match his ambition, and Sittingbourne proved the perfect fit.

"I put myself forward for it," he said. "I had already spoken to a couple of clubs and turned them down because they didn't have the ambition, Sittingbourne is a strong club and should be doing better."

"I was disappointed to lose the job at Ramsgate, these things happen, so you move on and another door opens."

He said he is hoping to retain the squad which finished the season, while adding to it.

"I'm going to give the players a chance, nobody will be released from the club, we don't have great numbers anyway," he said.

"I have got the same budget they had last year, it's not the best, but I have got what I have got."

He said he hopes to take the club away from the relegation troubles it suffered last season



CONSOLIDATION: Jim Ward is working on a two year plan with brother Danny to keep Brickies safe

when it finished third bottom.

"We have got a two year plan, this year is consolidation, lets get above half way," he said.

"We need to get the fans back on side and give them a reason to turn up."

The job had been offered to Marc Seager who took charge for four games while temporary manager Joe Dowley was away last season.

He said the club would be holding an open trials day for local players in June.

He said: "Everybody will be welcome along. The club needs strengthening."

MOTORSPORT

## No half measures available for Byrne at Snetterton track

AFTER two weeks off from British Superbike duty Sheppey rider Shane Byrne knows he is in for a tough race at Snetterton this weekend.

The Rapid Solicitors Kawasaki rider and former champion tasted his first success of the season in the previous round at Oulton Park track, but he knows there is less margin for error on an unforgiving Norfolk circuit.

After picking up his first win he is determined to claim another.

"It felt great to leave Oulton Park with a win in the bag for the team and also nice to have a couple of weeks to reflect on it and what we can do next," he said.

"I am really looking forward to Snetterton and trying to replicate what we achieved at Oulton Park. At some circuits a few tenths can be made up and it isn't a drama."

"But at Snetterton there are no half measures and that, for me, is how I like to ride."

His team mate Stuart Easton will be racing on the 2.99 mile track for the first time after missing last year's round through injury.

He said: "I am feeling pretty



WIN: Byrne wants second victory

pleased after the first three rounds. I didn't race at Snetterton last season and in the test I didn't do many laps so I don't have a huge amount of data.

"But that won't be an excuse as we have a good base setting with the team."

"My aim remains for the top six in the standings and there is still definitely more to come from both me and the bike."

"I am enjoying racing and as a rider that is when I perform at my best."

FOOTBALL

## Stint as boss puts Dowley off taking on job full time

FORMER Sittingbourne boss Joe Dowley will be happy to get back to playing next season under new manager Jim Ward after a temporary spell in charge.

Dowley stepped into the breach after Richard Brady departed for Leatherhead last year with just one target in mind - to save them from relegation in the Ryman One South.

He managed that on the final day of the season, and is now hoping to put his boots back on next term after the big jump into the dugout at the age of 28.

He said that talks with chairman Andy Spice earlier this year confirmed what he already knew.

"I knew back in February-time that I wouldn't be doing it next season," he said.

"It was too much of a commitment for me really."

"The plan is I will get myself fit and play under Jim, or elsewhere. It's not a problem for me."

"I know Jim from my time at Ramsgate, he's an experienced manager and will do a good job."

"When I took it on I probably didn't understand what was involved, I was a little bit naive."



CHANGE: Dowley happy to play

"It was a good learning curve, but it's not something I can commit to because of work, and I'm having a baby in a couple of months."

He said the experience has put him off the idea of management for now.

"It has for a little while," he said.

"Once I'm a bit older and finish playing, I can get back to it."

"At times it was enjoyable but hard work."

CRICKET ROUND-UP



## Bapchild win easy and Khan hits ton

GORE Court cemented their position at the top of Division Two with a win at home to Ashford Town.

Another decent showing from Hemantha Alles set a total of 147 for six as he top scored with 147 not out.

The Sittingbourne club's bowlers then delivered the goods bowling out the visitors for 123 runs in 45.5 overs.

Rob Slater was impressive with the ball, taking four wickets for 22 runs.

In Division Five Bapchild put Wickham into bat, which proved a good decision as they bowled them out for a paltry 48 runs.

Matthew Roche was the pick of the bowlers claiming four wickets for just six runs.

But their reply got off to a terrible start as John Heatley went after just three balls, but they claimed an easy win in 14 overs, thanks to 21 by Alan Hampton as they reached 49 for four.

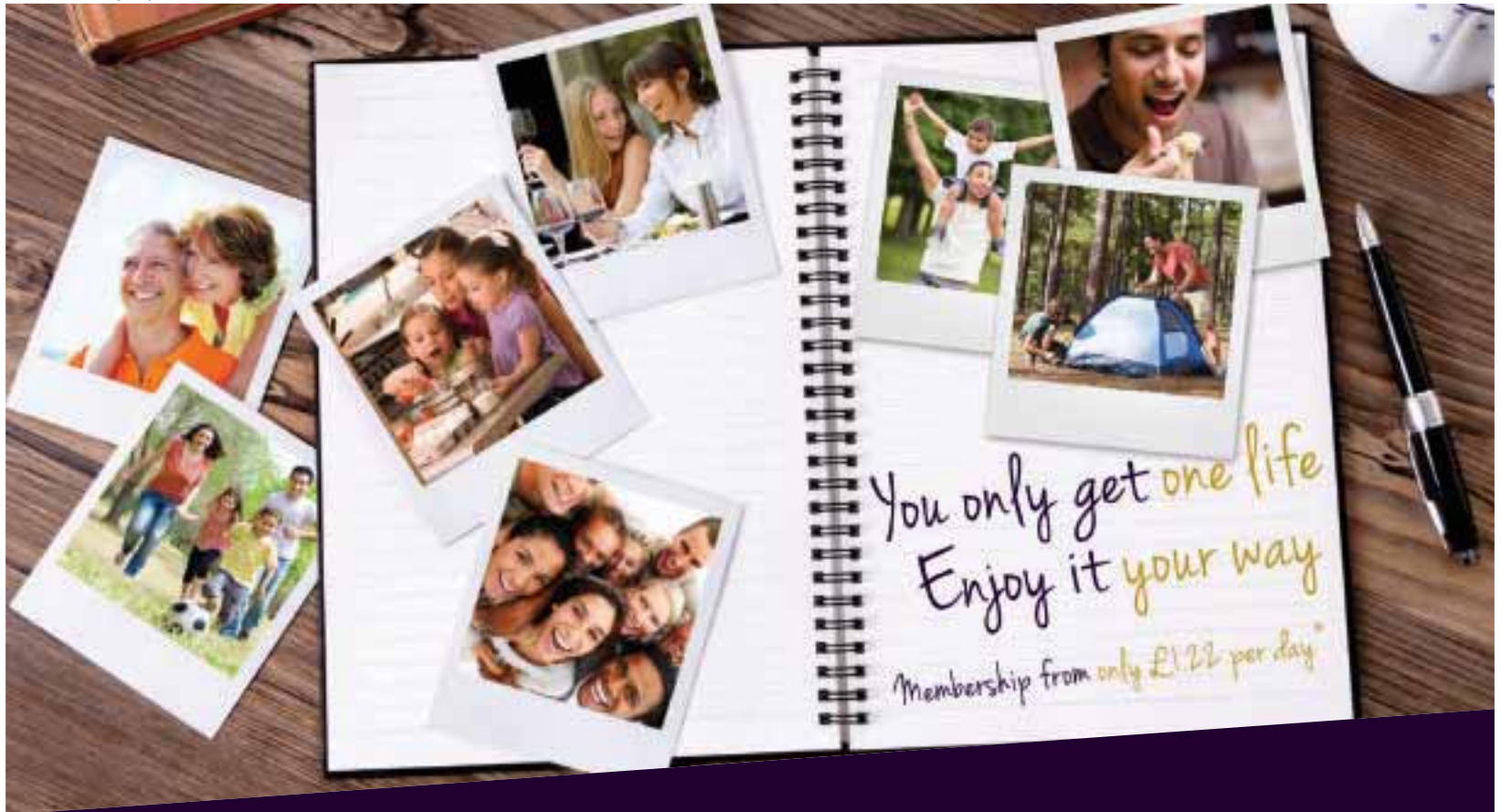
In Division Four Rodmersham's match at home to Betteshanger Colliery Welfare was abandoned because of a waterlogged pitch.

But Minster (Sheppey) were able to get to the crease as they beat Bexleyheath by 66 runs leaving them third in the table.

They were put into bat, which Tarique Khan made the most of, hitting 111 not out, which included 14 fours, and three sixes as they reached 186 for nine.

Virenda Vegda ensured that their hosts had a difficult time with the bat, taking five wickets for 16 runs as the bowled Bexleyheath out for 120, with Ravi Patel top scoring on 43.

KENT CRICKET LEAGUES						
DIVISION TWO						
	P	W	WD	BatP	BowlP	Pts
Gore Court.....	3	2	0	0	0	48
Upchurch.....	3	2	1	4	3	45
Catford and Cyphers.....	3	2	0	0	0	44
Linden Park.....	3	1	0	2	2	32
Bromley Common.....	3	1	0	0	4	28
Hayes (Kent).....	3	0	0	1	4	21
Ashford Town.....	3	0	0	0	2	18
HSBC, Kent.....	3	0	1	4	7	17
Dartford.....	3	0	0	3	5	16
Gravesend.....	3	0	0	2	6	16
DIVISION FOUR						
Sidcup.....	3	2	0	0	0	48
Macknade.....	3	2	0	0	0	44
Minster (Sheppey).....	3	1	0	0	4	32
Rainham.....	3	1	0	2	2	32
Bexleyheath.....	3	1	0	0	4	28
Gravesend RF.....	3	1	0	1	2	27
Nonington.....	3	1	0	1	1	26
Betteshanger Colliery.....	3	0	0	0	4	20
Rodmersham.....	3	0	0	0	4	20
Cowdrey.....	3	0	0	4	4	16
DIVISION FIVE						
OD CLUACO.....	3	2	0	0	0	44
Offham.....	3	2	0	0	0	44
Bapchild.....	3	2	0	0	0	40
Chislehurst.....	3	0	0	0	3	28
Blackheath.....	3	1	0	0	0	24
R A C S.....	3	1	0	0	0	24
Bromley Town.....	3	0	0	0	3	19
Bickley Park.....	3	0	0	0	1	17
Deal Victoria.....	3	0	0	1	4	13
Wickham Park.....	3	0	0	1	2	11



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